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HOMESTEAD

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres delivers remarks before 30 persons who were awarded homestead lots, Department of Public Lands officials, some lawmakers, and guests during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the As Gonno Plumeria Estate Homestead Wednesday morning. The As Gonno Homestead contains 330 lots.

Torres to House majority: How did I lie?

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REPORTER

“How did I lie?” Thus stated Gov. Ralph DLG Torres yesterday in response to the House of Representatives leadership’s press release, stating, among other



Torres

things, that the governor either misread the budget bill or he is simply lying, and that he is misinforming the people.

Torres said that’s what the House majority did—they are incorporating resources that have not passed yet nor identified as resources from the Department of Finance. “That’s totally irresponsible for the [House] majority to do,” said the governor as he

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SMA to launch Rota-Guam flights

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Star Marianas Airlines has announced that it will start providing weekly Rota-Guam flights starting next week.

According to an announcement on Star Marianas’ Facebook page last Tuesday, starting next week, the airline will begin flying between Rota and Guam every

Tuesday and Thursday.

“We would sincerely like to thank the Rota leadership (especially Sen. Paul Manglona and Rep. Donald Manglona), and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol for their assistance in making this happen,” the post stated.

Star Marianas says reservations can now be made either through their website, or by

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‘Growing airline industry right path for gradual recovery’

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

Noting the CNMI’s small population, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said last week that the right path for the gradual economic recovery is to increase the airline industry.

“When we increase our airline industry, we bring in our

tourists. Because tourists are the driving force of our economy,” said Torres in response to a question during a KKMP press briefing Friday.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported last week about a 33% average occupancy rate among its 12 member hotels

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New mural project part of GCEA’s 2nd Anniversary Community Project on Rota

TOGETHER, WE CAN

By LUIS S. OGO

Special to the Saipan Tribune



Luis S. Ogo is a passionate local artist who is driven to tell a story while continuing to beautify the island through the use of his murals. He is committed to sharing his knowledge and experiences for local artists who are interested in cultural painting.

Murals have a long history in American art, dating back to John Trumbull’s proposal for the Capitol in Washington, D.C. My first mural was created in the early 1990s. The Taro Sue mural on Middle Road was one of the first mural projects I spearheaded. Taro Sue

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Six Saipan International School students have earned the AP Capstone Diploma.

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Women candidates were on center stage during the “Journey to the Hill” forum.

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The coffin of Queen Elizabeth II left Buckingham Palace for the last time Wednesday.

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Local

Man gets 5-year imprisonment in drug case

The Superior Court has sentenced a man to five years imprisonment after he pleaded guilty to possessing over 0.3 grams of crystal methamphetamine or “ice.”

Last week, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho sentenced Jeffrey Taimanao Deleon Guerrero, also known as Feng, to serve five years in prison.

However, the judge suspended three years of his sentence meaning Deleon Guerrero will only be serving a two-year sentence day for day without the possibility of parole, early release, weekend release, or other similar programs.

Aside from his suspended sentence, the court also gave Deleon Guerrero, 47, credit for time served of 152 days.

After serving his sentence, Deleon Guerrero will be placed on three years’ adult probation supervision.

He was also ordered to pay a probation fee of \$120 a year, and a \$25 court fee.

According to court documents, on Sept. 6, 2022, Deleon Guerrero pleaded guilty to illegal possession of a controlled substance.

The court accepted his guilty plea after finding that the defendant’s decision to plead guilty is freely, voluntarily, and intelligently made; he has had the advice of competent counsel with whom he said he was satisfied; he understood the consequences of his plea of guilty; and there is a factual basis for the plea of guilty.

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CPA officer denies that his use of force was excessive

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority officer, who is currently facing allegations of excessive force, has denied all the accusations made against him.

Commonwealth Ports Authority police officer Jason Cruz, the CPA officer alleged to have used excessive force when arresting Shanguo Zhang, claims he did not do anything wrong.

Cruz, through his lawyer Robert T. Torres, denied Zhang's allegations, asked the court to deny all relief request-

ed by the plaintiff, and to dismiss the complaint and claims with prejudice altogether.

Torres argued that his client's use of force was "objectively reasonable and necessary given plaintiff's violent action, tensing up when being detained and subdued and uncooperative behavior while being detained."

Moreover, Cruz has qualified immunity and immunity to claims for attorney's fees, Torres said.

"The conduct of Cruz was privileged by and under law," his lawyer added.

Torres said CPA and Cruz

are immune from punitive damages.

In addition, he said his client was justified in his use of force which was "objectively reasonable under the totality of the circumstances."

Torres said his client has no civil liability for his justified conduct.

His client likewise reserves the right to assert any and all affirmative defenses not identified, the basis for which may come to light through discovery as this matter proceeds.

Recently, Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona of the District Court for the NMI found

that the complaint of Zhang had sufficiently stated a plausible Section 1983 excessive force claim against Cruz, in his individual capacity, for monetary damages.

In his complaint, Zhang asserted claims for false arrest, excessive force, and deliberate indifference in violation of the Fourth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments against local police officers and the CNMI government.

Zhang, a homeless Chinese citizen, alleged that on Jan. 27, 2020, he was arrested by a police officer, whose identity is not known at this time.

He said the officer did not give him a written document for his arrest, and yet he was detained for 94 days.

Then in June 2021, he was again arrested several times at the Saipan airport by police officers stationed there. Specifically, on June 4, 2021, he said he was arrested by officers Timothy Cruz and Frank Indalecio. On June 10, 2021, he was arrested by Stevie Cabrera and Timothy Cruz, and on June 14, 2021, he was arrested by Stevie A. Cabrera.

According to Zhang, for each of these arrests, he did not commit any offense, and that the officers arrested him "intentionally to harass [him] and to deprive

[him] of [his] rights."

On June 15, 2021, Zhang threw a rock at a window at the Saipan airport to protest his mistreatment and then presented himself to be arrested.

Zhang's complaint stated that Cruz used force and violently pulled Zhang to the ground, even though Zhang was not resisting, resulting in physical injuries to Zhang.

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Bid Package will be available for pick up beginning August 24, 2022, upon payment of fifty (\$50.00) dollars in cash, cashier's check or certified check to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

Bids will be received at the office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport until 2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, Friday, September 23, 2022.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked:

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Please submit one original and two copies of your bid to the CPA Executive Director's Office mentioned above.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Invitation for Bid; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority's (CPA) is a public corporation and autonomous agency of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). In accordance with its Procurement Rules and Regulations, CPA is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for repairs to the bus parking canopy repairs at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Project No. CPA-SA-004-22.

The project is being funded by the Commonwealth Ports Authority and is in accordance and compliance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations, Section 40-50-202, Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Administration Office, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Electronic copies may be made available upon written request to Ms. Wendi Prater at wprater@cnmports.com or Ms. Sheri Llagas at cpa.receptionist@pticom.com.

Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements shall be submitted to Ms. Prater, CPA's Executive Assistant/Project Manager, via email to wprater@cnmports.com or hand delivered to the CPA Administration Office, by no later than 5:00 p.m. CHST, local time, Wednesday, September 21, 2022.

The statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the criteria available in the RFQ package.

Interested Consultants are requested to submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **5:00 p.m. CHST, MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

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Man who pleaded guilty to sexually assaulting minor sentenced to 4-year imprisonment

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The Superior Court has sentenced a man to a four-year and six-month imprisonment term for pleading guilty

to sexually assaulting a minor.

Last week, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho

sentenced Raphael C. Mafnas to 10 years imprisonment, with the exception of five years and six months that was suspended after he pleaded guilty to sexual assault of a minor in the second degree.

With the imposed suspension, the defendant will be serving a jail term of four years and six months, or 54 months, sentence at the Department of Corrections facility. He must serve the imprisonment sentence day by day without the possibility of parole, early release, weekend release, or other similar programs.

The judge also gave Mafnas credit for 220 days of time served from Jan. 25 to Sept. 2, 2022.

Camacho explained that the sus-

pending sentence may be imposed in whole or in part for any violation of law or Office of Adult Probation rules.

Aside from his imprisonment sentence, Camacho ordered that Mafnas will be placed on probation for 10 years upon his release from prison.

He will also be required to register as a sex offender and comply with the CNMI Sex Offender Registry Act.

As part of his sentence, Mafnas will pay a probation fee of \$120 per year, and a court fee of \$25. No fine was imposed on him as he is indigent.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

Call for nominations for 2022 Governor's Humanities Awards

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is inviting the general public to nominate deserving individuals or organizations for a 2022 Governor's Humanities Award.

Each year, the Northern Marianas Humanities Council works in collaboration with the Office of the Governor to honor and recognize individuals and groups who make outstanding contributions to the humanities in the CNMI community. Nominations should be limited to contributions in one or more of the following categories:

- Research and Publication in the Humanities
- Preservation of CNMI History
- Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices
- Outstanding Humanities Teacher (in or out of the classroom setting)
- Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities

Nomination forms and more information about each award category are available on the Northern Marianas Humanities Council's website at nmhcouncil.org. The deadline to submit a nomination is Sept. 23, 2022.

Awardees will be recognized in October during Humanities Month.

The humanities include the study and interpretation of language; linguistics; literature; history; jurisprudence; philosophy; archaeology; comparative religion; ethics; the history, criticism, and theory of the arts; those aspects of social sciences which have humanistic content and employ humanistic methods; and the human environment with particular attention to our diverse heritage, traditions, and history. (PR)

SMA

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calling their reservations office at 670-483-9996.

According to *Saipan Tribune* archives, back in May, Rep. Donald Manglona (Ind-Rota) wrote a letter addressed to SMA general manager Jose Cruz, stating that his office and

Sen. Paul Manglona's (Ind-Rota) are ready to fund the airfare for a CBP officer from Saipan to Rota once SMA agrees to resume flights from Rota to Guam.

Manglona noted that the lack of a CBP personnel to conduct a pre-clearance check is one of the reasons flight service between Rota and Guam was temporarily suspended.

Previously there were no CBP personnel stationed on Rota or Tinian, since Saipan was the only point of entry and exit for international flights.

However, thanks to the agreement, a CBP officer will be flown to Rota every Tuesday and Thursday, courtesy of Sen. Manglona and Rep. Manglona, to perform clearance checks making the resumption of the Rota-Guam flights possible again.

TORRES

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showed an illustration on how the House majority's Fiscal Year 2023 budget proposal increases the House members' allocations by \$1.2 million and reduces the budget of departments and offices.

He reiterated that the House majority decreased the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s budget by \$973,000, the Veterans Affairs Office by \$151,000, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation by \$103,000, Carolinian Affairs Office by \$94,000, Indigenous Affairs Office by \$89,000, and Women's Affairs Office by \$79,000.

He said the House majority reduced the Department of Corrections' full-time employees by 56 and the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services by 29.

"Which one here is a lie?" Torres said.

The governor said to determine who is lying is just by looking at the budget bill that the House passed, and what local resources identified by the Department of Finance versus the House majority's actions.

"And why did they pass the budget

on a Saturday? I gave them the [proposed] budget on April 1," Torres said.

He said the House majority members have no authority on the American Rescue Plan Act funds or reprogramming Compact Impact funds.

The governor asked Rep. Vicente Camacho (D-Saipan) who in the Cabinet got an increase.

"All talk no action," said Torres, referring to Rep. Camacho and the Democrat lawmakers.

Camacho stated in the press release that instead of hiring an army of lawyers and giving huge raises to his Cabinet, Torres should be cutting expenses and trying to be more fiscally responsible.

Camacho also stated that the governor is "overspending like there is no tomorrow."

The House leadership said in their press release Tuesday that compared to what Torres proposed in his Fiscal Year 2023 budget submission, the House leadership increased the level of funding to critical healthcare, community and cultural affairs, and public safety departments and agencies.

"The simple truth is that Gov. Torres is completely wrong," the House leadership said.

Last week, Torres slammed the

Democrats-controlled House majority leadership over their version of the FY 2023 budget bill that he described as "irresponsible, negligent, and illegal," by first reducing the funding for the departments and agencies, yet giving themselves an additional \$1.2 million of House allocations.

Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig said the administration proposed a \$1.8-million budget for House members' allocations, but the House bill increased it to \$3 million.

Gilbert Birnrich, the legal counsel for the Office of the Governor, said the biggest issue from a legal standpoint in the House's version of the budget bill is the fact that the House was trying to appropriate the ARPA funds for various uses, which he believes is simply inappropriate and illegal.

House Ways and Means chair Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota), who is the author of the House budget bill, said in their press release that a simple comparison shows that Torres actually zero-funded operations for several key departments and that this forces expenditure authorities to request ARPA money from Finance secretary on a case-by-case basis.

tralia, Vietnam, the Philippines, and other destinations, the better because it exposes the Commonwealth to various different countries.

Torres said as they are pushing to make the CNMI a world-class destination, he is thankful to the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers for making that one step closer to reality.

For the first part of 2021, GCEA worked to prepare the CNMI for the return of tourism. In line with GCEA's longterm goal of transforming the Marianas into a world-class destination, GCEA launched the Marianas Village Pride Campaign and other community activities.

TOGETHER

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had coordinated the project with the Commonwealth Council for Arts & Culture through the National Endowment of the Arts Council and a local artist and one of my mentors, Noel Quitugua. This mural featured a latte stone, which is part of the CNMI's history and culture, as well as the picturesque beauty of a bird perched on a tree against a backdrop of a big blue ocean.

If it weren't for past CNMI artists like Michael Tapp or Robert Hunter, I wouldn't have found my passion in art. As a little boy growing up, I envisioned my life as a police officer or in the Army, but then I ended up doing directional signs where I found passion in drawing. In 2006, I was called to do the mural plastered on the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium in Oleai. I would like to recognize the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture for deciding on Roil Soil's artwork for the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium's new mural that was created this year.

I've done murals for businesses, residences, and corporations since then. Today, I am now able to do roadside murals thanks to the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers who have helped procure the paint and materials needed for each mural. My most recent murals can be found on the As Lito roadside in front of Guangdong Hardware, the Chalan Kiya Road leading up to the Northern Marianas College, and the San Vicente road side mural.

Volunteers welcome for GCEA's Public Private Partnership event on Rota

I'm looking forward to traveling to Rota with GCEA at the end of September to help with the mural at Dr. Rita Inos Hocog Jr./Sr. High School. The school's advisers and Student Council have developed a design that aligns with GCEA's Marianas School Pride Mural Contest theme, which

is open to all schools throughout the Marianas to join. The mural will showcase school pride, so the design will feature RHIJSHS's school mascot, the Chamorro Buck.

While we are on Rota, GCEA will be celebrating its second anniversary by hosting a special Rota community project. Volunteers are welcome to join GCEA on Friday, Sept. 30, from 10am to 4pm to beautify the Rota Mayor's Office and Benita Manglona Park. I'd like to extend a warm invitation to our Rota residents or anyone on the island at that time to participate in this worthy cause. Interested volunteers can sign up at cnmieconomy.com. GCEA announced that the first 50 people who sign up and volunteer at the event will receive a t-shirt.

I'd also like to recognize my team for working with me to create and paint murals throughout Saipan and Rota. I have been working with young, up-and-coming mural artists for the past few years. I hope to inspire and teach more CNMI artists to give them hands-on experience so that they can perpetuate local art and create meaningful murals across the CNMI.

I'd like to thank Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and the House minority of the 22nd CNMI Legislature, especially Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero and Rep. Angel Demapan, for recognizing my talent and assisting me in expanding and sharing it throughout Saipan and Rota. I'd also like to thank my Indigenous Affairs Office team—IAO director Roman Tudela, Jomanda Manglona, Isa Hofschneider, Jack Reyes, Ben San Nicolas, Mario Sablan, Herman Manglona, Tryver Manglona, and many more—for backing me up with their talent.

Lastly, thank you, GCEA, for allowing my team and me to create monumental murals throughout Saipan and Rota. I hope that we will be able to do the same on Tinian very soon. Together, We Can!

For more information visit the GCEA website at cnmieconomy.com. Engage with the Council on Facebook and Instagram (@cnmigov.economy) or contact them at gceacnmi@gmail.com.

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for August this year as compared to only 12% average occupancy in August last year.

Torres said without tourists, there's no economy in the CNMI due to the small population or lack of wealth to subsidize and create their own economy here, unlike other countries.

He emphasized anew that it is imperative that the Legislature create a bill that gives incentive to companies that bring in not just tourists but new investment money to stimulate the CNMI's economy.

The governor said the administration, the Marianas Visitors Authority, and partners worked on the Japan market and that it's obviously a successful partnership with the United Airlines that is now flying the Saipan-Japan route.

He said with the Saipan-Japan direct flights, it is good for locals traveling to the U.S. mainland, through Japan, and a great way to fly to Asia or Japan.

Torres said they are working on having additional tourist destinations. "Hopefully, we can have Australia next and also the Philippines," said the governor, adding that the more CNMI diversifies its economy to various tourist destinations like Korea, Japan, Aus-

MAN

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Camacho also vacated the jury trial scheduled for Sept. 19, 2022.

The information filed against Deleon Guerrero states that on or about

March 24, 2022, on Saipan, Deleon Guerrero unlawfully knowingly or intentionally possessed a controlled substance, to wit: approximately 0.3 gross gram of methamphetamine hydrochloride, also known as "crystal methamphetamine" or "ice" in violation of 6 CMC § 2142(a).



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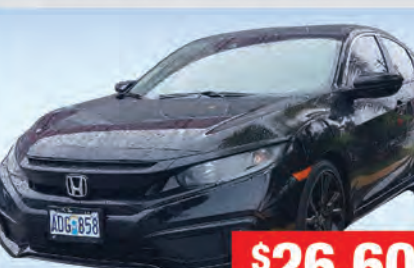
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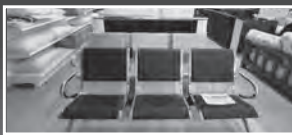
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INVITATION FOR BID SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF TYPHOON SHUTTERS- DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SUSUPE BUILDINGS ITB22-GOV-42200152

The Office of the Governor, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), through the Governor's Authorized Representative (collectively, "Commonwealth"), on behalf of the Department of Public Safety is soliciting sealed bids for the supply and installation of typhoon shutters at the Department of Public Safety Susupe Buildings, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The ITB package will be available starting **September 16, 2022**, at the Office of the Governor, HMGP Office, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950 between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Government observed holidays upon presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CNMI Treasury by cash or credit in the amount of **\$25.00** for the ITB package set.

All interested bidders must include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid package to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, Pohnpei Way, Capitol Hill, Saipan MP 96950. Bidding procedures shall fully comply with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, revised through May 24, 2001, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIAC) §70-30-3-725 Gratuities and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor, and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

There will be a pre-bid meeting for this project on **October 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. ChST** at Department of Public Safety, Saipan. Questions or requests for clarification shall be submitted in writing to Ms. Leona Deleon Guerrero, Program Manager, via email at ldlguerrero@omb.gov.mp no later than **October 10, 2022**. Responses to questions or clarification will be shared with all prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **ITB22-GOV-42200152 Supply and Installation of Typhoon Shutters- Department of Public Safety Susupe Buildings**. One original and three copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **9:30 a.m. ChST, October 19, 2022**. Bidders outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days to receive their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement Services no later than **9:30 a.m. ChST October 19, 2022**, must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via email to bidintent@dof.gov.mp. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 19, 2022**, and mailed to the Director of Procurement Services P.O. BOX 510008 CK, Saipan MP 96950 and the bid documents must be received no later than **October 26, 2022**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be a cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly open and read at the Division of Procurement Services, 1st Floor Horiguchi Building, Kopa Di Oru Street, Garapan, Saipan, MP 96950, at **9:30 a.m. ChST, November 2, 2022**. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be open and read at **9:30 a.m. ChST, October 19, 2022**.

Bids higher than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the proposal. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety satisfactory to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and ITB Number and a notation on the face of the cheque: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted, it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Before the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit the following:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue a bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the Procurement Services Director, to substitute an acceptable bond before executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only 1) Cash, 2) U.S. Government Securities, 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on U.S. Security Exchange, 4) Real property owned in fee simple in the U.S.; and 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completing this project is 120 calendar days upon issuing a Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be \$100.00/day.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the CNMI.

The Government reserves the right to reject any proposals, in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the CNMI. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Patrick C. Guerrero
Governor's Authorized Representative

Francisco C. Aguon, Acting Director
CNMI Procurement Services



WIN PACIFIC CORPORATION

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

NAME OF EMPLOYER: Win Pacific Corporation

THE POSITION: Accountant

JOB DESCRIPTION: Prepare and review monthly budget to actual variances and cash flow sources and uses of funds and ensure compliance with approved budget; Analyze daily recordings of revenue and expenditures for correct account classifications in accordance with guidelines, generally accepted accounting principles and regulatory requirements; Review all financial transactions entered in the general and subsidiary ledgers ensuring that all costs (labor, materials, overhead and costs) are completely and accurately recorded in the company's accounting system; Record daily business transactions and prepare billing statements to customers and clients; Prepares costing of products; Review and summarize business reports; Make financial recommendation to management; Responsible for budget control; Monitor and facilitate various payments to suppliers, vendors, and process payments; Review and analyze monthly operating report on activities and resources in support of compiled daily revenues and expenditures, aging reports for receivables and payables and profit and loss accounts; Review and summarize business reports and all documents, based on results of analytics review; Investigate causes of variances and prepare report for management information; Prepare periodic tax filing (monthly gross receipts tax, corporate income tax return, FICA and EWR Quarterly Reports); Compute and prepare bi-weekly or semi-monthly payrolls for employees; Interact management decisions, particularly those involving financial decisions to improve business operations; monitor on a regular basis the status of inventory stocks on hand and coordinate with purchasing officer regarding propriety of actual charges; Implement strict adherence to established internal control systems and procedures; Prepare yearly financial statements (Balance Sheets and Income Statements).

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION: Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy

EXPERIENCE: Must have at least sixty (60) months of relevant work experience as an Accountant

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Must be knowledgeable with and have experience on the use of accounting softwares; Must be computer-literate; and Must possess excellent written and verbal communication skills.

JOB SITE: Tower Palace, Gualo Rai Village, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

HOW TO APPLY: Submit or mail comprehensive professional resume, with supporting credentials, and application letter to:

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MVA preps for JATA Tourism Expo 2022

For the first time since the last in-person event in 2019, the Marianas Visitors Authority is preparing to join representatives of other international countries and regions next week at Japan's largest annual travel show.

JATA Tourism EXPO 2022, organized by Japan Travel and Tourism Association and Japan Association of Travel Agents., is internationally recognized as one of the largest travel events in the world and presents Japan as a tourism nation to the world. It will be held on Sept. 22-25, 2022, at Tokyo Big Sight Convention Center in Tokyo, Japan.

In an invitation letter to MVA members to join the event, MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo underscored the significance of the expo.

"A comprehensive travel

trade event, JATA Tourism EXPO Japan gathers key players from both the travel and tourism industry and travel-related business fields," said Iakopo. "JATA Tourism Expo Japan offers a fusion of opportunities, ranging from business meetings, insight sharing, discussions, media coverage and direct business-to-business and business-to-consumer promotion of tour products, facilities, and destinations."

For the last two years, JATA Online Travel Mart Webinar provided opportunities for travel agents to attend destination seminars and meetings with the MVA and other destination marketing offices online. This year, the MVA will have a promotional booth highlighted by live, indigenous dance and arts and crafts demonstrations. (PR)



TURNKEY SOLUTIONS DONATES TO SBDC

Turnkey Solutions recently donated \$1,000 to the CNMI Small Business Development Center's SEED to Sail Program (Supporting Entrepreneurship and Economic Development). SEED to Sail is a guided experience for start-up and early stage businesses to create and present a pitch to support their application to receive "seed money" to fund their small business venture. The main event will be held on Friday, Sept. 16, 2022 from 6pm to 10pm at the Grandvrio in Garapan, Saipan. For more information, email seedtosail@marianas.edu. In photo from left: Turnkey Solutions Client service associate Adrian Tangcoy, managing partner Jerry Lin, marketing manager Liana Cotero, managing partner Broc Calvo, managing partner Billy Grow, NMC director of Human Resources Polly DLG Masga, NMC personnel specialist Brian Torres, CNMI SBDC Network Associate director Mercilynn Palec, and CNMI SBDC Network office manager Charmaine Hofschneider. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROJECT NO. CPA-TS-001-22

TINIAN PERIMETER FENCE REPLACEMENT TINIAN HARBOR

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (the "CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract for the replacement of seaport perimeter fence, Tinian Harbor, Tinian Island. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and or products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone (NMIAC §40-50-225 (a)). The Scope of Work and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning **September 02, 2022**, upon payment of \$100.00 in cash, cashier's check or certified check to the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the Tinian International Airport CPA conference room on **September 16, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.** The conference is not mandatory, but proposers submitting their proposals are requested to attend.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor-Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport no later than **4:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, OCTOBER 07, 2022**. Proposals received after the date/time indicated above will not be opened and will be returned to the Proposer.

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

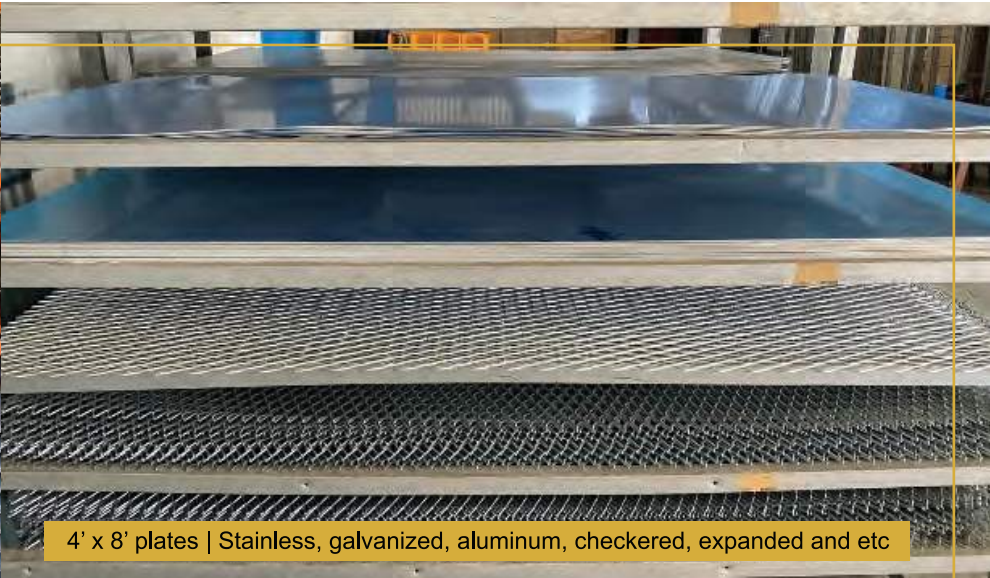
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NMC-CREES secures \$536K for vertical mangrove crab farming

As part of Northern Marianas College’s efforts to promote economic diversification and workforce development, its Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services (CREES)-Aquaculture and Natural Resources Program secured a \$536,000 grant to construct mangrove crab (*Scylla serrata*) farming demonstration units on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

The demonstration units, which are funded by a Technical Assistance Program (TAP) grant through the US Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs, will be used by NMC-CREES to provide training to any individual who would like to pursue mangrove crab farming.

“I would like to thank the Office of Insular Affairs for



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Northern Marianas College, Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services-Aquaculture and Natural Resources Program leader Michael Ogo prepares to look at Phytoplankton in the Aquaculture Laboratory at the NMC As Terlaje Campus.

their support. We look forward to modernizing aquaculture through methods that are environmentally friendly and that stimulate economic growth in

the NMI,” stated CREES interim dean Patty Coleman.

Mike Ogo, the program leader for the NMC-CREES Aquaculture and Natural Re-

sources Program, said that the need for economic diversification through new industries such as mangrove crab farming was exposed after the

CNMI’s economy fell to destruction of Super Typhoons Soudelor, Yutu, and to the vast restrictions brought upon by the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Aside from agriculture, aquaculture can be added to the mix of economic diversification through production of commodities for local consumption but, more importantly, exports that can generate badly needed revenue for the CNMI,” Ogo said. “This project will spur investments in aquaculture and, as a result, new businesses will be created that will cater to seafood loving locals and tourists alike.”


According to Ogo, the mangrove crab is a “high value aquaculture commodity” that can sell at \$20-30 per kilogram in the Japanese, Korean, and American markets.

The mangrove crab demonstration units will be built at all three NMC campuses on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The project will use crab grow out boxes that will be stacked vertically. Each container will have 1,000 boxes allowing a production of 1,000 crabs per crop.

Medium-sized crabs, which take about six months to grow, can sell at \$19.00 per piece.

“With these prices, even with the production cost factored in, mangrove crab farmers in the CNMI can still realize a profit and return on their investment,” Ogo said.

Individuals who would like to learn more about the mangrove crab project can call (670) 237-6840 or email michael.ogo@marianas.edu. *(PR)*



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated

DEPUTY MARSHAL I

Announcement # JVA22-040
On the island of SAIPAN

DUTIES: The successful candidate will work under general supervision of the Chief Justice and under the direct supervision of the Chief Marshal for the Marshals Service Division on Saipan which involves the enforcement and execution of judicial orders and assigned law enforcement duties. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

Ensures random drug testing and community supervision practices are in accordance with Mental Health Court policies and procedure such as collecting specimens as ordered by the court for urine analysis or breathalyzer screening to detect the use of alcohol and/or other drugs;

- Perform general court security duties, including providing safety and security during judicial proceedings, maintaining order in the courtroom and during prisoner processing, providing protection from harm and personal injury to assigned justices, judges, court personnel, clients, jurors and witnesses;
- Provide protection from damage and vandalism to the court facilities, equipment, and other related resources;
- Assist with all necessary inspection and screening of persons and items entering the court facilities, restricting from entry those that are prohibited within the court premises;
- Provide physical and electronic security monitoring of all assigned areas under the control of the Marshals Service Division;
- Provide Protective Service Detail (PSD) personal security for all justices and judges on official business outside the court premises;
- Assist in transporting and escorting prisoners and other detainees who are awaiting court appearance. This includes transporting prisoners to and from the Department of Corrections (or from other locations as instructed) and the courthouse; to and from the courthouse holding cells and the courtrooms;
- Assist in protecting and transporting jurors and other court personnel during jury trial and deliberation;
- Assist with court bailiff functions, community policing, community supervision, compliance checks;
- Assist in the preparation of reports of service and no-service, including submission of daily activity and incident reports;
- Provide the general public with direction and general information on all judicial service locations with the courthouse;
- Provides assistance to superiors and other law enforcement personnel, particularly in operations, dispatching information;
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- Coordinates incoming requests for service at the Marshals Service Division and dispatch personnel in an efficient manner which will serve the public;
- Ensure proper handling and disposition of all in-custody prisoners/detainees; provide security, enforcement of established rules and regulations and others, which are provided herein. This critical task requires Deputies to escort prisoners/defendants to hearings as directed;
- Assists in all phases of law enforcement operations, including conducting investigations related criminal cases and or complaints of alleged violation of law, rules, and regulations filed with the Judiciary;
- Serves summons subpoenas and other official documents;
- Examines files and secures evidence and records as required;
- Serves warrants for arrests, searches, and seizures as necessary;
- Possess skills necessary for the use of and care of firearms, and performs and enforces the CNMI Weapons Control Act and Federal Firearms Regulations. Applicant is required to pass either a CNMI Law Enforcement or Federal Firearms Certification course and meet the criteria for annual firearms qualification to carry firearms under the Marshals Service Division Firearms Standard Operating Procedures;
- Must meet the physical fitness and agility requirements testing standards approved by the Chief Marshal or designee;
- Attends and successfully completes all training courses as directed by the Chief Marshal, including but not limited to, any law enforcement officers training courses offered through the Northern Marianas College, local law enforcement and Federal law enforcement agencies;
- Assists the other Deputy Marshals in their duties; and
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Must also satisfy a minimum of two (2) years of experience in law enforcement; or one-year college level education in criminal justice or related field of study.

Law Enforcement Academy Training Preferred, but not required. Successful candidates must complete and pass law enforcement training, including firearms qualification, during the probationary period.

Military experience may be considered; successful candidates with only military background must complete additional law enforcement training during the probationary period.

Must have the ability to maintain and control sensitive and confidential information, maintain records professionally, and uphold office policies. Must be proficient with the use of general office software including but not limited to Microsoft Word and Excel. Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and be operate to operate a court vehicle

Candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Must have a valid drivers' license and operate a court vehicle. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment. "Illegal drug" means a substance whose use or possession is controlled by federal law but that is not being used or possessed under the supervision of a licensed health care professional. (Controlled substances are listed in Schedules I-V of 21 C.F.R. Part 1308.)

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It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide such evidence when applying for Judiciary jobs. Education received in foreign colleges or universities will be considered if the candidate submits an evaluation of the coursework from: (a) an accredited U.S. college or university; or (b) a private professional organization specializing in interpretation of foreign educational credentials.¹

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This is an ungraded position under the general supervision of the Chief Justice. The salary range will be \$20,000 - \$22,000 annually.

INTERESTED PERSONS: Application forms are available at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices at Kotten Tinian in Tinian and Centron Hustisia in Rota during normal business hours except on weekends and holidays. Completed application, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

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This position is supported, in whole or in part, by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, CNMI award number CNMI22004, awarded to the CNMI Judiciary by the CNMI Department of Finance.

1 The following organizations evaluate foreign educational credentials for employment and other purposes. All operate on a fee based on the extent of the education to be evaluated; applicants shall bear the cost of evaluation.
(a) Credentials Evaluation Service P.O. Box 24679 Los Angeles, CA 90024
(b) Education Equivalency Evaluation World Education Services P.O. Box 745 Old Chelsea Station New York, NY 10011
(c) Education Credential Evaluators, Inc. P.O. Box 17499 Milwaukee, WI 53217
(d) International Consultants of Delaware, Inc. 914 Pickett Lane Newark, DE 19711
(e) Foundation for International Services, Inc. P.O. Box 230278 Portland, OR 97223.
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Judiciary is seeking a highly motivated individual for the position of:

DEPUTY CLERK II

for Drug Court
Announcement # JVA22-038

DUTIES: The successful candidate will work under the general supervision of the Presiding Judge and under the direct supervision of the Superior Court Clerk of Court on Saipan. The employee will perform work with wide latitude for the exercise of independent judgment and taking action in accordance with established policies, practices and court procedures. The duties of this position include, but are not limited to the following:

- Receive, review and record documents filed for hearing; Review documents presented by counsels and Drug Court Staff for accuracy, proper form, and conformance with court rules and decisions for approval and signature by judges;
- Track cases taken under advisement, ensure updates of same and provide periodic reports to the Clerk of Court and effected judges;
- Set the court calendar and adjust the same to maximize courtroom time and meet unusual situations;
- Prepare bench warrants, subpoenas, summonses and other related documents for issuance;
- Assess fines, receive and account for monies, issues receipts, prepare deposit slips, and make disbursements when ordered or directed;
- Interpret and disseminate information, law, policies, and procedures governing the hearing of cases;
- Update and maintain case dockets, judgment books and case files;
- Maintain a listing of all drug court cases and provide data for reporting purposes;
- Assist with the certification of records in cases appealed to the CNMI Supreme Court;
- Serve as a courtroom clerk for the drug court, which includes but is not limited to the following: ensuring courtroom readiness for proceedings, attending court sessions, administering oaths to witnesses, operating electronic recording equipment, listing all relevant portions of proceedings on a log, receiving, marking and assuming responsibility of all introduced evidence, and performing translation during proceedings;
- Serve as a member of the CNMI Drug Court Team; attend staffing and trainings, maintain confidentiality rules, provide background information for all potential participants, make recommendations at initial and progress staffing, prepares and coordinates execution of orders, and maintain information on case management software.
- Act as a liaison between the Office of the Clerk of Court and the Drug Court Program;
- Perform other related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Candidate should have a high school diploma or equivalent. Should also have a Bachelor's degree in business administration or related field from an accredited university or college; or four years of equivalent work experience; or a combination equivalent of relevant education and experience; AND A minimum of four (4) years of experience in legal, law enforcement, court administrative or related work.

Must have the ability to maintain and control sensitive and confidential information, maintain records professionally, and uphold office policies. Must be proficient with the use of general office software including but not limited to Microsoft Word and Excel.

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Peter Thiel's warning to GOP is a wake-up call

Peter Thiel, a GOP megadonor and technology billionaire, is a controversial figure within conservative circles. The early investor in Facebook and PayPal co-founder also was an instrumental donor to Trump-backed Senate candidates in Arizona and Ohio.

But his recent comments to the National Conservatism Conference caught our eye because of what he is signaling about the GOP and conservatism. Republicans, Thiel says, are focusing too much this cycle on opposing progressive policies, without offering tangible alternatives. "The temptation on our side is always going to be that all we have to do is say we're not California," said Thiel. "It's so easy, so ridiculous to denounce, but ... should we maybe have more of a positive agenda?"

Thiel seems to be saying that wins in GOP primaries are a potential liability in general elections when moderates and independents become swing voters, a growing concern within the Republican Party.

In an essay in *The Atlantic* earlier this year, Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, wrote that both political parties are in an unhealthy denial about what ails the nation. "When entire countries fail to confront serious challenges, it doesn't end well," he warned, noting that inaction and gridlock on immigration and border security, drought and climate change and ongoing threats to our democratic processes are potentially cataclysmic.

Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., recently raised a similar concern. History shows that the party in the White House often loses House and Senate seats in the midterms. However, "I think there's probably a greater likelihood the House flips than the Senate," McConnell said, adding that "candidate quality has a lot to do with the outcome."

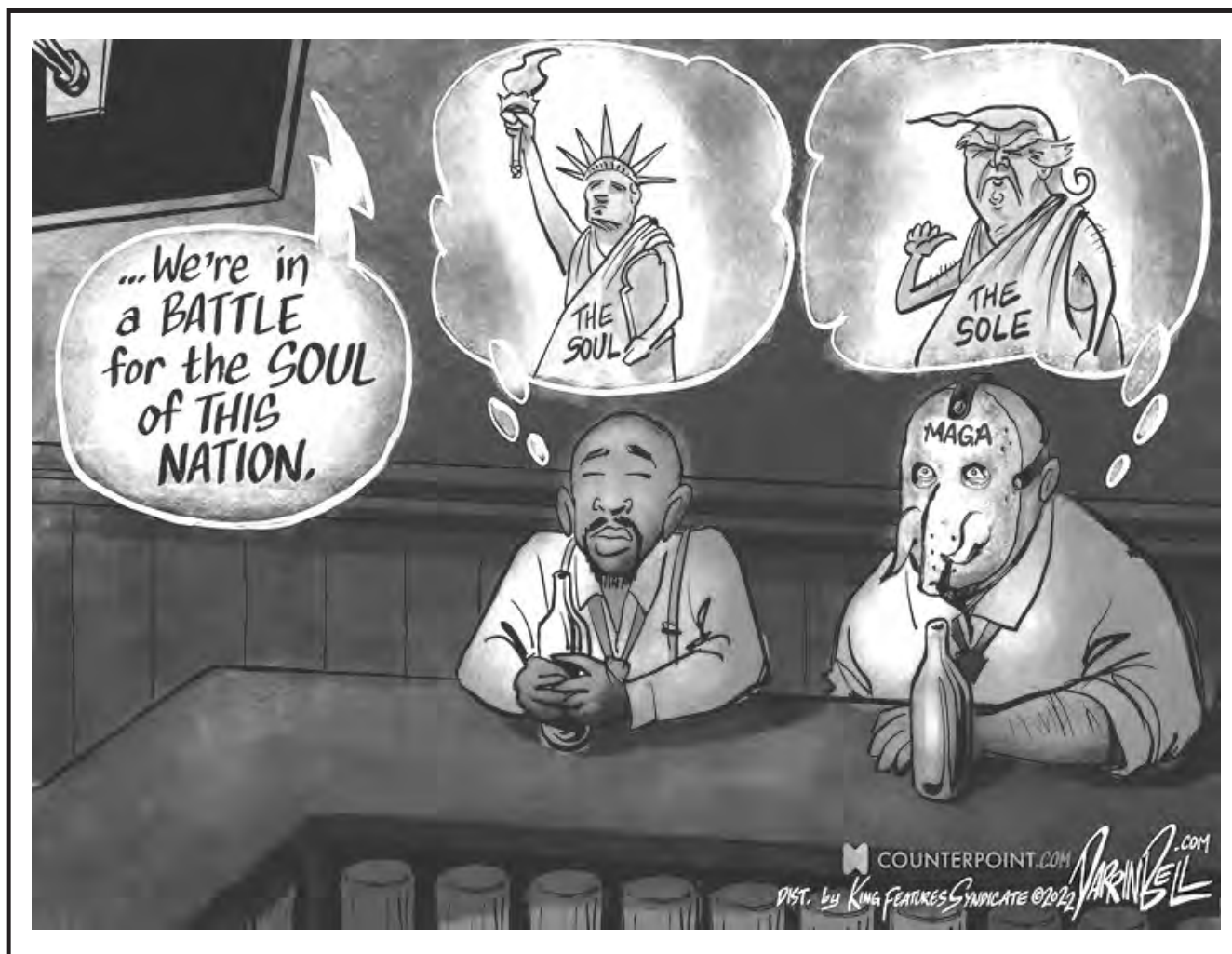
"We're doing less well than 2010, the tea party stuff ... we're leaning way too far into pure nihilistic negation," Thiel warned.

If conservative thought is to regain a responsible position of influence within the GOP, true conservatives must divorce themselves and their party from those who traffic in divisive rhetoric and chaos at the expense of conservative ideas, solutions and leadership.

Simplistic, ill-defined mantras rooted in catchphrases and chaos are antithetical to conservatism, which should respect the traditions that unite us, seek conservative solutions to complex policy issues and remain forward-looking enough to adapt for the future.

Conservatism should represent a moderate approach to consensus governing. As practiced by many candidates this cycle, it has become a troubling embrace of grievances over ideas and leadership.

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What can save restaurants? Try hospitality

COVID-19 and inflation have knocked restaurants to their knees, and everyone with a vested interest, from owner to chef to server to customer, seems to have an opinion on how to get them up and running again.

Permanent "parklet" dining will save the day. Meal kits will, or better wages, more compassionate work schedules, menu price hikes, smaller menus, the addition of a wine shop or a curated market, a reasonable landlord — or some combination of the above.

That's all dollars and cents, though; somebody forgot to mention hospitality, the unquantifiable element that attracts us to one food palace or neighborhood joint or food truck over another. Hospitality's the unsung hero of the dining experience, as essential as any spreadsheet item.

It's easiest to describe by what it isn't: desultory, one-size-fits-all service, the kind where your water glass stands empty after the first fill, the server knows as little about the menu as you do and has no energy to find out more, the wrong order arrives late and is no longer hot — the equivalent of an extended shoulder shrug.

At the other end of the spectrum, as bad but in a different way, there's the kind of over-the-top service that leads to jokes about "Hi, I'm Bob, your server, and I'll chew your food for you tonight." Fake hospitality is a semblance of warmth in the same way that a microwave is a semblance of an oven — efficient but superficial. The results lack depth.

And hospitality has nothing to do with the power-based behavior displayed by customers, usually male, who expect servers, usually female, to endure flirtatious behavior in exchange for a decent tip, or customers of any gender who expect servers of any gender to tolerate outside demands that make the diner feel special. Feeding us is not supposed to involve feeding our egos.

True hospitality? To quote Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart in a 1964 decision on obscenity, "I know it when I see it."

I'll go him one further: If we want to see it, we need to be worthy of it. Hospitality is a relationship, not a delivery system, and the quicker we all step up, customers and employees alike, the better things will be for our favorite restaurants.

Customers have reverted to some questionable pre-pandemic behaviors as we head back to restaurants — the damning Yelp review as another kind of power grab, the pursuit of new eateries as a competitive sport, a demand for dining experiences that will somehow compensate us for everything we've endured over the past two-plus years.

We are pretty quick to be dissatisfied, and to say so. Take a moment for empathy, though, and consider the other side of the exchange: restaurant workers who try to maintain a gracious presence in a battered industry that's seen thousands lose their

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Los Angeles Times

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jobs, more thousands turn their backs, continued closures and still-spotty progress in labor practices and work culture.

What if we engaged with them a little bit, looked up to see exactly who handed us the menus, expressed gratitude for a job well done?

We could build back better, to borrow a phrase, instead of sitting back, waiting to be satisfied. Don't get me wrong. I'm as quick as anyone to flinch at too little or too much attention when I go out to eat — but when the effort is genuine, it can't hurt to respond in kind.

It might make life better for all of us. In the 1970s, Stanford University sociologist Mark Granovetter wrote about the importance of "weak ties," our connection to people in our lives who are not family but not strangers, either. And while he wasn't writing about restaurants, I'd say the theory applies, magnified by the pandemic.

I didn't see my close and careful friends as often as I wanted to in the midst of various COVID spikes, but I saw the baristas at my favorite outdoor coffee place, and as the weeks went on our conversation extended past the niceties of placing an order. Nothing major — I don't know how any of them feel about Roe vs. Wade or Jan. 6 — but enough to make me feel welcome and make them feel appreciated.

Which is a lot, when you think about it, especially these days.

I don't have a long list of restaurants to recommend, even though I write about them and ought to know the next or best new places, but I've never been much of a prospector. I like to go home when I go out to dinner — that is, to places that are truly welcoming, which involves me being a person a restaurant likes to take care of. Food sustains us; hospitality does too, in ways we can't measure on a profit and loss statement.

Culinary Agents, a job-networking source, recently listed the seven attributes it considers essential for hospitality workers — be a good listener, be humble, be honest and be an effective communicator, basics like that. Couldn't hurt if those of us on the receiving end of the table adopted them as well.

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Did the US jump the gun with the new omicron-targeted vaccines?

Last month, the FDA authorized omicron-specific vaccines, accompanied by breathless science-by-press release and a media blitz. Just days after the FDA's move, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention followed, recommending updated boosters for anyone age 12 and up who had received at least two doses of the original COVID-19 vaccines. The message to a nation still struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic: The cavalry — in the form of a shot — is coming over the hill.

But for those familiar with the business tactics of the pharmaceutical industry, that exuberant messaging — combined with the lack of completed studies — has caused considerable heartburn and raised an array of unanswered concerns.

The updated shots easily clear the “safe and effective” bar for government authorization. But in the real world, are the omicron-specific vaccines significantly more protective — and in what ways — than the original COVID-19 vaccines so many have already taken? If so, who would benefit most from the new shots? Since the federal government is purchasing these new vaccines — and many of the original, already purchased vaccines may never find their way into taxpayers' arms — is the \$3.2 billion price tag worth the unclear benefit? Especially when these funds had to be pulled from other COVID-19 response efforts, like testing and treatment.

Several members of the CDC advisory committee that voted 13-1 for the recommendation voiced similar questions and concerns, one saying she only “reluctantly” voted in the affirmative.

Some said they set aside their desire for more information and better data and voted yes out of fear of a potential winter COVID-19 surge. They expressed hope that the new vaccines — or at least the vaccination campaign that would accompany their rollout — would put a dent in the number of future cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

That calculus is, perhaps, understandable at a time when an average of more than 300 Americans are dying of COVID-19 each day.

But it leaves front-line health care providers in the impossible position of trying to advise individual patients whether and when to take the hot, new vaccines without complete data and in the face of marketing hype.

Don't get us wrong. We're grateful and amazed that Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna (with assists from the National Institutes of Health and Operation Warp Speed) developed an effective vaccine in record time, freeing the nation from the deadliest phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, when thousands were dying each day. The pandemic isn't over, but the vaccines are largely credited for enabling most of America to return to a semblance of normalcy. We're both up-to-date with our COVID-19 vac-

nations and don't understand why anyone would choose not to be, playing Russian roulette with their health.

But as society moves into the next phase of the pandemic, the pharmaceutical industry may be moving into more familiar territory: developing products that may be a smidgen better than what came before, selling — sometimes overselling — their increased effectiveness in the absence of adequate controlled studies or published data, advertising them as desirable for all when only some stand to benefit significantly, and in all likelihood raising the price later.

This last point is concerning because the government no longer has funds to purchase COVID-19 vaccines after this autumn. Funding to cover the provider fees for vaccinations and community outreach to those who would most benefit from vaccination has already run out. So updated boosters now and in the future will likely go to the “worried well” who have good insurance rather than to those at highest risk for infection and progression to severe disease.

The FDA's mandated task is merely to determine whether a new drug is safe and effective. However, the FDA could have requested more clinical vaccine effectiveness data from Pfizer and Moderna before authorizing their updated omicron BA.5 boosters.

Yet the FDA cannot weigh in on important follow-up questions: How much more effective are the updated boosters than vaccines already on the market? In which populations? And what increase in effectiveness is enough to merit an increase in price (a so-called cost-benefit analysis)? Other countries, such as the United Kingdom, perform such an analysis before allowing new medicines onto the market, to negotiate a fair national price.

The updated booster vaccine formulations are identical to the original COVID-19 vaccines except for a tweak in the mRNA code to match the omicron BA.5 virus. Studies by Pfizer showed that its updated omicron BA.1 booster provides a 1.56 times higher increase in neutralizing antibody titers against the BA.1 virus as compared with a booster using its original vaccine. Moderna's studies of its updated omicron BA.1 booster demonstrated very similar results. However, others predict that a 1.5 times higher antibody titer would yield only slight improvement in vaccine effectiveness against symptomatic illness and severe disease, with a bump of about 5% and 1% respectively. Pfizer and Moderna are just starting to study their updated omicron BA.5 boosters in human trials.

Though the studies of the updated omicron BA.5 boosters were conducted only in mice, the agency's authorization is in line with precedent: The FDA clears updated flu shots for new strains each year without demanding human testing. But with flu vaccines, scientists have decades of experience and a better

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understanding of how increases in neutralizing antibody titers correlate with improvements in vaccine effectiveness. That's not the case with COVID-19 vaccines. And if mouse data were a good predictor of clinical effectiveness, we'd have an HIV vaccine by now.

As population immunity builds up through vaccination and infection, it's unclear whether additional vaccine boosters, updated or not, would benefit all ages equally. In 2022, the U.S. has seen COVID-19 hospitalization rates among people 65 and older increase relative to younger age groups. And while COVID-19 vaccine boosters seem to be cost-effective in the elderly, they may not be in younger populations. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices considered limiting the updated boosters to people 50 and up, but eventually decided that doing so would be too complicated.

Unfortunately, history shows that — as with other pharmaceutical products — once a vaccine arrives and is accompanied by marketing, salesmanship trumps science: Many people with money and insurance will demand it whether data ultimately proves it is necessary for them individually or not.

We are all likely to encounter the SARS-CoV-2 virus again and again, and the virus will continue to mutate, giving rise to new variants year after year. In a country where significant portions of at-risk populations remain unvaccinated and unboosted, the fear of a winter surge is legitimate.

But will the widespread adoption of a vaccine — in this case yearly updated COVID-19 boosters — end up enhancing protection for those who really need it or just enhance drugmakers' profits? And will it be money well spent?

The federal government has been paying a negotiated price of \$15 to \$19.50 a dose of mRNA vaccine under a purchasing agreement signed during the height of the pandemic. When those government agreements lapse, analysts expect the price to triple or quadruple, and perhaps even more for updated yearly COVID-19 boosters, which Moderna's CEO said would evolve “like an iPhone.” To deploy these shots and these dollars wisely, a lot less hype and a lot more information might help.

‘Mental health matters’

In the Marianas, like so many other communities around the nation, we are facing a serious mental health crisis. Think of the traumas and hardships that families and individuals have endured just in the last few years, from an ongoing pandemic and multiple typhoon disasters before that, to unemployment, homelessness, utility disconnections, illness, hunger, and violence. Think of the people we all know, very likely ourselves included, who have struggled with stress, anxiety, grief, and depression.

We have but a handful of licensed psychologists and other mental health providers in the Marianas who are able to provide desperately needed care. The demand for their services is tremendous, and they have heavy caseloads. Wait times for appointments can take many months.

Recognizing that our people deserve better and expanded access to mental health care services, our small and heroic community of mental health professionals sought the support of the Legislature to enable the commonwealth to join the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, or PSYPACT.

Joining PSYPACT would expand access to mental health services, including specialized care not available in the islands, by facilitating the practice of telepsychology across state lines, and allowing temporary licenses for in-person practice. To date, 34

states and the District of Columbia have enacted PSYPACT legislation.

As chairwoman of the Health and Welfare Committee in the House of Representatives, I worked closely with the CNMI's providers in introducing and reviewing HB 22-80, the PSYPACT bill. The Committee held public meetings on the bill and received comments. My Health and Welfare colleagues and I also testified at a meeting of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board to explain the bill and answer questions. The PSYPACT bill received strong support from the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, the leadership of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation and Community Guidance Center, licensed psychologists in private practice, mental health providers in the school system, and LGBTQ advocates and allies.

The bill received strong bipartisan support in the legislature too, passing both the House and the Senate unanimously. And then Gov. Ralph DLG Torres vetoed the bill—out of ignorance or spite or both perhaps, but clearly for no good reason at all.

If Ralph Torres cared about mental health in the Marianas, and had any questions about how PSYPACT works or what it would actually cost, all he had to do was ask. Or read the committee reports of the House and Senate. Or listen to the testimonies provided during legislative hearings. Or call or email the PSYPACT

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Special to the Saipan Tribune






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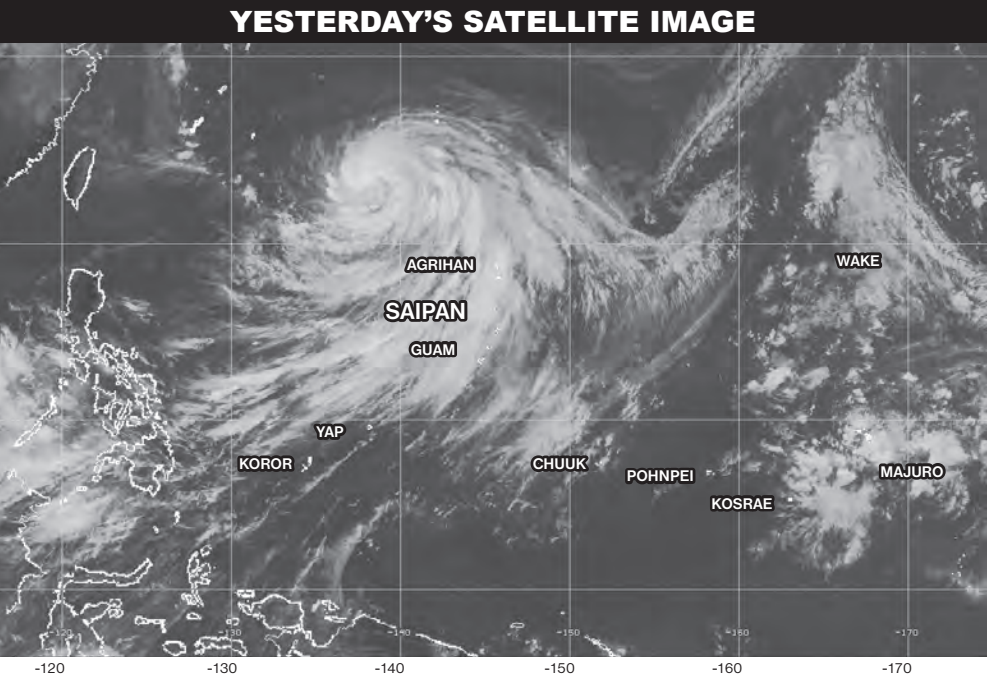


Commission or any of the CNMI's licensed providers. He didn't do any of that. In vetoing the bill, Torres turned his back on the mental health needs of our community.

Ralph Torres may not understand or appreciate how important mental health is for the overall wellbeing of our community; I do. My colleagues in the House and Senate do. Mental health providers and their patients do. Our families and children do. Mental health matters to all of us. I remain fully committed to enacting PSYPACT legislation and improving and expanding the mental health care services available to our people—as the Health and Welfare chairwoman in the House, and as the Commonwealth's next governor.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY	
									
Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Cloudy		Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy		Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy		A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy,		A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy,	
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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Plenty of clouds cover the Marianas this morning, and radar shows widespread rain and showers east through south of the islands, while scattered showers are starting to develop northwest of Guam and Rota. Moderate southwest monsoon winds are present as well, courtesy of Tropical Storm Nanmadol loitering well NW of the Marianas near 23N140E. West to northwest swell from Typhoon Muifa near Shanghai, China, has boosted seas to 6-7 feet at Tanapag and Ritidian buoys.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	85° / 77°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	87° / 79°	
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	87° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	87° / 76°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
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Sunday	6:05 AM	6:16 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:15 PM
Tuesday	6:05 AM	6:15 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	11:02 AM	10:33 PM
Saturday	-	11:55 AM	11:19 PM
Sunday	-	12:48 PM	-
Monday	12:09 AM	1:40 PM	-
Tuesday	1:00 AM	2:29 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	60° / 48°	
Beijing	Sunny	92° / 65°	
Hong Kong	Sunny	93° / 82°	
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	87° / 75°	
London	Partly Cloudy	62° / 45°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	81° / 64°	
Manila	Scattered Thunderstorms	88° / 77°	
Melbourne	Showers	61° / 48°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°	
New York	Sunny	76° / 55°	
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	91° / 77°	
Paris	Showers	63° / 48°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	83° / 74°	
Rome	Thunderstorms	82° / 71°	
Salem	Sunny	86° / 61°	
San Francisco	Cloudy	67° / 57°	
Seoul	Thunderstorms	87° / 72°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	85° / 72°	
Washington, DC	Sunny	81° / 58°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
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12:42 PM	High Tide	1.62	
6:02 PM	Low Tide	1.18	
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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

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UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6	UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
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UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau	UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
				UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5
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SAIPAN-NARITA				NARITA-SAIPAN			
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7C3451	3:00PM	6:35PM	3, 7	BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7	7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN			TINIAN TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)	7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.		10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)	4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)
SAIPAN TO ROTA			ROTA TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.		9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.		2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	
SAIPAN TO GUAM			GUAM TO SAIPAN		
DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.		12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.		6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA				ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily	3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun				
				3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily	3103	16:30	17:00	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM				GUAM TO ROTA			
LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily	2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily	2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily	2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily	2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily	2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily	2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily	2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT RE-ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 22 – 064

Opening Date: August 29, 2022
Closing Date: Until Filled

<p>POSITION TITLE: DEPARTMENT: LOCATION: ANNUAL SALARY: CONTRACT: POSITION(S):</p>	<p>Training & Development Manager Admin / Executive Director Office Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands, USA \$56,439.00 to \$76,192.00 per annum, Exempt Contracted One (1)</p>
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The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Executive Director or his/her designee.

Duties:


- Manages the functions of the training and development program, which includes planning, coordinating, administering, and evaluating programs, projects, processes, procedures, systems, standards, and/or services. Ensures compliance with organizational and Federal, Commonwealth, and local laws, regulations, codes, and/or standards.
- Serves as a liaison with internal departments, officials, agencies, partners, contractors and other external organizations, groups and representatives. Serves as a representative at a variety of meetings, public events, on committees, and/or other related events regarding training and development.
- Analyze training needs to develop new training programs or modify and improve existing programs.
- Evaluate instructor performance and the effectiveness of training programs, providing recommendations for improvement.
- Plan, develop, and provide training and staff development programs, using knowledge of the effectiveness of methods such as classroom training, demonstrations, on-the-job training, meetings, conferences, and workshops.
- Prepare training budget for department or organization.
- Confer with management and conduct surveys to identify training needs based on projected production processes, changes, and other factors.
- Develop and organize training manuals, multimedia visual aids, and other educational materials.
- Develop testing and evaluation procedures.
- Train instructors and supervisors in techniques and skills for training and dealing with employees.
- Conduct orientation sessions and arrange on-the-job training for new hires.
- Conduct or arrange for ongoing technical training and personal development classes for staff members.
- Review and evaluate training and apprenticeship programs for compliance with government standards.
- This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department.
- Assists in planning, developing, recommending and implementing goals, objectives, policies, procedures and standards. Coordinates operational and program efforts in alignment with goals and objectives of assigned area of responsibility.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

Minimum Requirements:
Education: Bachelor's Degree in a directly related field and 5 years of professional experience in the assigned field including 2 years of leadership experience; or, an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job such as those listed above, unless otherwise subject to any other requirements set forth in law or regulation.
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Physical Demands: o Occasional lifting of objects; Subject to standing, walking sitting, bending, reaching, kneeling, pushing and pulling. All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.


How to Apply: Submit a completed CUC Employment Application, resume, and applicable supporting documents to the CUC Human Resources office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan, Monday and Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm (Except Legal Holidays). Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota may submit their documents to their respective CUC Administration office. Application, resume and supporting documents can also be e-mailed to: employment.applications@cucgov.org

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COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS CUC-RSQ-22-037

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR CUC'S SUSTAINABLE WATER INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (SWIMS) PROGRAM

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Statement of Qualifications from qualified firms for Program Management Services for CUC's Sustainable Water Infrastructure Management Strategy (SWIMS) program. This is a comprehensive planning, investigation, design, construction and operations approach to manage Non-Revenue Water and the delivery of safe and affordable drinking water to the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The proposed program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). All work is subject to grantors approval.

The RSQ package will be provided via email to the registered email ID upon completion of registration at the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the RSQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RSQ 22-037, Request for Statement of Qualifications for Program Management Services for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's Sustainable Water Infrastructure Management Strategy (SWIMS) Program"* to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on October 11, 2022**. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received or postmarked on or before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

A&E firms are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility for any act of omission on the part of the A&E firms due to a lack of information or understanding of the RSQ requirements in the course of the Consultant's preparation of an SOQ under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible/qualified A&E firms who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible to being selected for the award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. A&E firms shall be accorded fair and equal during discussions; there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.


This RSQ does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable federal regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on September 20, 2022**, to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, CUC Acting Water/Wastewater Chief Engineer via email address larry.manacop@cucgov.org, and Christie Sablan, Administrative Technician Senior via email address, christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all Statement of Qualifications for any reason and to waive any defects in said RSQ, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All Statement of Qualifications shall become the property of CUC.


GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator



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INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-22-040

A-16 Sewer Lift Station Generator Replacement

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the A-16 Sewer Lift Station Generator Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The intent of the contract is for the Contractor to provide all labor, equipment, supplies and materials necessary for the removal of the existing A-16 Sewer Lift Station 350 KW Generator and Automatic Transfer Switch, procurement of a new 350 KW generator and Automatic Transfer Switch, modification of the existing concrete generator pad to match the new pad size requirement (if needed), restoration of the existing oil containment berm, repair of exhaust & muffler, and equipment start-up and commissioning. The work shall be done in accordance with the Scope of Work and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 180 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **\$200.00** (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-22-040, A-16 Sewer Lift Station Generator Replacement" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 13, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of One Hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The payment and Performance bonds must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.


This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on September 23, 2022** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, CUC Water/Wastewater Engineer via email address nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org and to Marcela Tenorio, P&S, Purchasing Technician Senior via email, marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.


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Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator



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INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-22-039

GARAPAN SEWER MAINS AND MANHOLES REPLACEMENTS (CORAL TREE AVE., DATE STREET, CPL DERENCE JACK ROAD, PLUMERIA AVENUE, PALM STREET, GINGER AVENUE AND ROYAL PALM AVENUE)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Garapan Sewer Mains and Manholes Replacements (Coral Tree Avenue, Date Street, CPL Derence Jack Road, Plumeria Avenue, Palm Street, Ginger Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of but not limited to the installation of gravity sewer main, new sewer manholes, replacement and rehabilitation of sewer manholes, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, relocation of existing 10-inch waterline and the abandonment of existing sewer line, removal and removal and disposal of existing sewer manholes.

The project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and Infrastructure Recovery Program (IRP) office of the Governor. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from ARPA/IRP.

CUC requires the project to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **September 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-22-039, Garapan Sewer Mains and Manholes Replacements – Coral Tree Avenue, Date Street, CPL Derence Jack Road, Plumeria Avenue, Palm Street, Ginger Avenue and Royal Palm Avenue" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 12, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

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A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

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This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 21, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Larry Manacop, Acting Chief Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Dennis Formalejo, Engineer via email at dennis.formalejo@cucgov.org and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Purchasing Technician Senior, via email address at marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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SIS celebrates its AP Capstone Diploma recipients

At Saipan International School, six students have earned the AP Capstone Diploma. A total of seven have earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate from the 2021-22 school year. The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students develop the critical thinking, research, collaboration, and presentation skills that are critical for academic success.

"We proudly recognize the achievements of students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program," said SIS headmaster Dr. Ron Snyder. "Our AP Capstone students and teachers showed extraordinary commitment while facing historic challenges. This is a meaningful college readiness program that will serve our students well after high school."

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must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional AP Exams. To receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research. Students are increasingly participating in the AP Capstone program. Over 2,200 schools participated in the AP Capstone program worldwide during the 2021-22 school year. Approximately 14,100 students earned the AP Capstone Diploma, and 9,200 earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate.

Unlike traditional AP subject exams with a single end-of-year assessment, AP Seminar and AP Research assessments are project based and evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations, and individual essays completed throughout the year. Instead of focusing on one

specific academic discipline, AP Seminar and AP Research are interdisciplinary: students are empowered to create research projects based on topics of personal interest.

Students are assessed on the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills needed to complete their projects. At SIS, students focused their

research on a range of topics, including: Saipan Coastal Water Under COVID-19 Restrictions, Diet and Income: Exploring the Relationship Between Income and Diet

Quality In Saipan Villages, The Perspective of the Learning Environment: A Review of Saipan's Middle School Students towards Their Learning

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FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Plaintiff, :
-v- :
GLOBUIL RESORT SAIPAN :
CORPORATION formerly :
known as CHANG SHIN :
RESORT SAIPAN :
CORPORATION, dba :
HOTEL RIVIERA SAIPAN, :
Defendant. :

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HERE GIVEN that, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on August 19, 2022, Commonwealth Recorder's File no. 22-1354, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property:

Legal description of the property:

Tract 22558-R1, situated in Fina Sisu, Saipan Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 4,116 square meters, more or less, as more particularly describes on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 2096/81, the original of which was registered 29 April 1982 as Document no. 14400 at the Land Registry, Saipan

Total area of the property:

4,116 square meters, more or less

Known encumbrances:

A Mortgage dated 12 October 2000 executed by Changshin Resort Saipan Corporation dba Hotel Riviera Resort Club, Mortgagor, to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Mortgagee, submitted on 02 October 2000 in Civil Action no. 97-5470 in the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; a Mortgage dated 03 January 2007 and recorded on 02 February 2007 under File no. 07-267 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, executed by Changshin Resort Saipan Corporation dba Hotel Riviera Saipan, Mortgagor, to Hyundai Securities Co., Ltd., Mortgagee; a Mortgage dated 07 March 2011 at recorded on 17 March 2011 under File no. 11-0450 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, executed by Korea Shooting Promotion Council Federation, Borrower, and Changshin Resort Saipan Corporation dba Hotel Riviera Saipan, responsibility for security, and Lee, Young Mi, Lender; a Mortgage dated 13 March 2012 and recorded on 15 March 2012 under File no. 12-0790 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, executed by Korea Shooting Promotion Council Foundation and Changshin Resort Saipan Corporation dba Hotel Riviera Saipan, Borrower, to Segiplus Co., Ltd., CEO Lee, Eun Jung, Lender; a Mortgage dated 10 May 2012 and recorded on 24 July 2012 under File no. 12-1549 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, executed by Korea Shooting Promotion Council Foundation and Changshin Resort Saipan Corporation dba Hotel Riviera Saipan, Borrower, to Yoon Jae Soo, Lender; and a Mortgage dated 10 May 2012 and recorded on 24 July 2012 under File no. 12-1550 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, executed by Korea Shooting Promotion Council Foundation and Changshin Resort Saipan Corporation dba Hotel Riviera Saipan, Borrower, to Yoon Hee Ok, Lender. The interest of Globuil Resort Saipan Corporation is a leasehold estate created by that certain indenture of lease agreement made by Cathryn C. Villagomez, Lessor, to Chang Shin Resort Saipan Corporation, Lessee, dated 19 March 1993, and recorded 26 March 1993 under File no. 93-1046 at the Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan, demising and leasing for a term of 55 years beginning 19 March 1993 and ending 18 March 2048.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public. Copies of a title insurance report for the properties are available to any prospective bidder upon request.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 29th day of August, 2022:

/s/
MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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Environment, Coastal Erosion on Saipan's Micro Beach, Examining the Math Model Minority Stereotype among High School Students, Favorable Bias Present in Saipan's Jury System: Modeled by College Students, Analysis of the Association between Residents and Beach Litter in Saipan, The Correlation Between Stress & School Work Toward A College Student's Diet, and Using Sentiment Analysis to Predict Meta Stock Prices.

"I'm thrilled to congratulate these motivated students,



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who worked hard to earn the

AP Capstone Diploma and AP Seminar and Research Certificate," said Trevor Packer, head of the Advanced Placement Program. "These students have enhanced the foundation for their future academic and professional careers by honing their ability to manage long-term projects, collaborate with teams, and deliver effective presentations on topics they're passionate about."

Of the students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program at



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They are Linxi Cai, Hyunmin

Saipan International School: Six were awarded the AP Capstone Diploma by earning scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on 4 additional AP Exams.



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Cho, Sam Culp, Julianne Hall, Cevinna Hwang, and Hyeonbin Jeong. Seven were awarded the AP Seminar and Research Certificate by earning scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research. They are Tiana Cabrera, Susan Chen, Huiwon Jeong, Jesse Sablan, James Zeng, Rachel Shin, and Kexuan Yu. Seven were graduating seniors in the class of 2022. Hyunmin Cho (Boston University), Julianne Hall (Radford University), Cevina Hwang (Princeton University, Questbridge Scholar), Hyeonbin Jeong (Han Yang University [tent.]), Susan Chen (Purdue University), James Zeng (Boston University), Rachel Shin (University of Toronto). The College Board Advanced Placement Program gives students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school. A 3 or higher on an AP Exam has multiple benefits for students, including earning college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on AP Exams, saving them time and money. Research shows AP students are better prepared for and more likely to enroll and remain in college, do well in classes, and earn their degrees on time. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP Exams align with their high standards. (PR)



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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a **Special Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Monday, September 19, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** at the **MVA Conference Room**.

MEETING AGENDA

- 1) Preliminary Matters
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Adoption of Agenda
- 2) Public Comments
- 3) Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Committee
 - i. Fund Status
 - ii. Reprogramming of Funds
- 4) Old Business
 - a. Christmas in The Marianas
- 5) New Business
 - a. Airline Opportunities
 - b. Advertising
- 6) Executive Session
- 7) Miscellaneous/Announcements
- 8) Adjournment

/s/ Viola Alepuyo
Chairperson, MVA Board of Directors



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Richard V. Salas
Director, DCRM

PUBLIC NOTICE

**From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
of the DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT**

DATE: September 16, 2022

NOTICE: The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) is currently reviewing a federal consistency determination from the National Ocean Service (NOS) regarding proposed mapping and surveying activities undertaken in the CNMI coastal zone from 2023-2027. More information about the proposed activity can be accessed via the DCRM website at: https://dcrm.gov.mp/wp-content/uploads/crm/Revised-NOS-PEIS_Federal-Consistency-Determination_CNMI_09-08-2022-1.pdf

Federal consistency is a provision of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) that requires federal actions that affect the coastal zone to be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of a state's federally approved coastal management program (CMP).

Comments on whether the project is consistent with the enforceable policies of the CNMI's CMP can be submitted to the Division of Coastal Resources Management at fedcon@dcrm.gov.mp.

Public notices are published for compliance with 15 CFR § 930.42. State agencies are not required to provide public notice of the receipt of a negative determination or the resolution of an objection to a negative determination, unless a Federal agency submits a consistency determination pursuant to 15 CFR § 930.34. DCRM is soliciting public comments for fifteen (15) days, starting on September 16, 2022 and ending on October 1, 2022. We welcome your feedback and thank you for your consideration.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910, the public is advised that the State Rehabilitation Council and Statewide Independent Living Council will hold its FY 2022 Fourth General Membership Joint-Meeting on Friday, September 23, 2022, at the Aqua Resort Club, VINO Room from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Interested individuals are welcome to attend.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda of September 23, 2022
- IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes:
 - a. SRC Third General Membership Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2022
 - b. SILC Third General Membership Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2022
- V. Reports
 - a. SRC Chairperson
 - b. Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Committee Chairperson
 - c. Employment and Marketing Committee Chairperson
 - d. Transition and Assistive Technology Committee Chairperson
 - e. SILC Chairperson
 - f. CLI Executive Director
 - g. OVR Director
 - i. Fiscal Officer's Report
 - ii. Data Analyst's Report
- VI. Old Business
 - a. SRC Membership Vacancy
 - b. SILC Membership Vacancy
 - c. SRC Orientation and Training
- VII. New Business
 - a. 2022 National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)
 - b. 2022 Joint Annual Report
- VIII. Action Items
 - a. Review and Approval of SRC FY 2023 Resource Plan
 - b. Review and Approval of SILC FY 2023 Resource Plan
 - c. SRC Election of Officers
 - d. SILC Election of Officers
- IX. Miscellaneous
- X. Adjournment

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals who wish to attend the meeting but require accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreters are asked to call Shana Iguel at (670) 322-6537(voice) or email at shana@ovrgov.net for necessary arrangements no later than Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 11:30 am.

/s/ Preston O. Basa
SRC Chairperson

/s/ Gregory P. Borja
SILC Interim Chairperson

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF	Civil Action No.
THE ESTATE OF	22-0214
GLENN MANGLONA	
DELEON GUERRERO,	
Deceased.	NOTICE OF HEARING/ NOTICE TO CREDITORS
	Date: September 22, 2022
	Time: 10:00 a.m.
	Judge: Honorable
	Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENT OR OF HIS ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Dolly C. Tkell, has filed a Petition For Letters of Administration in the above-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to Rule NMI R. of Prob. 15.

A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on **Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.** in Courtroom 220A, Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

Pursuant to Rule NMI R. of Prob. 21, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or his Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Attorney Mark Scoggins at the above indicated address.

Reference is hereby made to the petition for further particulars.
SO NOTICED this 7th day of September 2022.

/s/ MARK A. SCOGGINS (F0347)
Attorney for Petitioner Dolly C. Tkell

Marianas joins World Tourism Day observance on Sept. 27

The Marianas will join the global travel and tourism community in celebrating the United Nations World Tourism Organization’s World Tourism Day on Sept. 27, 2022.

“Once again, World Tourism Day gives our community the opportunity to celebrate the important role tourism plays in The

Marianas in creating jobs, generating revenue, and showcasing what makes our islands a unique and beautiful place to live and to visit,” Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Priscilla Maratita Iakopo. “This year’s World Tourism Day theme is, Rethinking Tourism, an opportunity to look at the future of our

industry and determine how we can rebuild tourism in a way that is strategic, creative, and sustainable for our islands.”

Businesses and other groups are invited to participate in island beautification cleanups on Saipan at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan from 8:30am to 10:30am, on Tinian at Tinian

Swimming Hole in west side of Tinian at 8:30am. On Rota, the MVA will cleanup at the Rota Swimming Hole. The MVA will also provide trash bags, gloves, and water.

World Tourism Day Sunset Walkathons will also be held on all three islands beginning at 6pm. Saipan’s walk will be-

gin at the Mina’chom Atdao Pavilion at Kili Beach Park in Susupe, continue along Saipan Beach Pathway to Quartermaster Rd. and back. On Tinian, the walk will begin at Taga Beach, proceed along Broadway to Tinian International Airport, and return to Taga Beach. On Rota, the walk will begin at East Harbor, proceed to Kokomo, and return to East Harbor.

ing free tours at the museum. High school Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically (MY WAVE) clubs will be hosted from 8am to 12pm. Students will also have the opportunity to join Color Nights painting session with local instructor Linda Torres.

For more information on World Tourism Day activities on Saipan, contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Jack Aranda at jaranda@mymarianas.com or 1.670.664.3210. On Tinian, contact MVA Field Operations Supervisor Vida Borja at vborja@mymarianas.com or 1.670.433.9365. On Rota, contact MVA Field Operations supervisor David Atalig at datalig@mymarianas.com or 1.670.532.0327.

The official World Tourism Day celebration will be held in Bali, Indonesia, highlighting the shift toward tourism being recognized as a crucial pillar of development. **(PR)**

Guam approves \$1.3M in PUA waivers

HAGATNA, Guam—The Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration has approved \$1.3 million in Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Applications for Waivers for Payment. To date, approximately \$9.8 million in PUA waivers have been approved since the U.S. Department of Labor eased the guidelines for waiver of overpayments—an initiative Governor Lou Leon Guerrero championed in Washington, D.C.

The Guam Department of Labor has also successfully processed checks for PUA recipients who have already made payments on their outstanding balances. Approximately \$700,000 has been processed for 335 individuals. All payments will be issued via check and not through direct deposit. Each recipient will be contacted individually to schedule check pickup at the GDOL main office.

“We are working diligently to

review all overpayment waiver applications, so that each applicant can leverage these funds to meet the high cost of living,” said Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero. “As our island recovers, we have made these waivers a priority to help our people rise up, in addition to the distribution of direct assistance and relief payments.”

“PUA waivers and other relief initiatives including the \$500 power credit, Prugrāman Salāppe’, Emergency Rental Assistance, Homeowners As-

sistance Fund, and Prugrāman Pinilan are critical to helping Guam’s families recover,” said Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio. “Our Administration is maximizing every federal dollar we have received to ensure that everyone gets back on their feet, and we will continue to do so.”

GDOL continues to review received Applications of Waiver of Overpayment for approval.

For more information, contact GDOL at 671-735-0510-12 or pua.waivers@dol.guam.gov. **(PR)**



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AMENDED NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit bid proposals and their qualifications for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMMUTER TERMINAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, PROJECT NO. CPA-SA-007-19**, for the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: *Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport Commuter Terminal Building Construction, Project No. CPA-SA-007-19* and submitted no later than **2:00 P.M. (CHST), Friday, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read. Bidders are requested to minimize their company’s attendees to ensure social distancing.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to, construction of a new commuter terminal facility with four (4) airline offices and counter space, restaurant vendor space, restrooms for departure and arrivals, lactating room, office space/counter for U.S. Customs and Border Protection including all associated work, all in accordance with the Plans and Specifications. In addition, the contractor is provided an allowance for artwork to be provided at the new commuter terminal. The artwork will be locally themed including, but not limited to, painting, murals, or as determined and coordinated with CPA.

The Project is being financed by funds by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

A DVD containing the Contract Documents including plans, specifications and the bid schedule, may be obtained at the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd floor of the Departure Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, upon the payment of **THREE HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS (\$300.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (DVD). The payment is nonrefundable unless bids are canceled. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier’s check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Bidders should notify CPA’s point of contact mentioned below immediately if there are issues retrieving the files on the DVD and are to verify all information using the specification table of contents and the index of drawings.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 A.M. (CHST), FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022**, at the CPA Saipan Airport Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Attendance is not mandatory. A site visit will follow the pre-bid conference. For site visits after the pre-bid conference, bidders are to coordinate with Mr. Edward B. Mendiola, CPA’s Deputy Director at edmendiola@cnmiports.com or telephone number (670) 237-6500.

Questions should be submitted in writing to the CPA Executive Director’s Office, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or emailed to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, Executive Assistant/Project Manager at wprater@cnmiports.com at least ten (10) days prior to the bid opening date; with the exception of bid opening extension requests which have no deadline. Responses to all questions and requests for information will be provided to all bidders who picked up a DVD or attended the pre-bid conference.

Bidders shall use the bid schedule form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority on the DVD. Each bidder must also supply all supplemental information required in the specifications.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **FIVE HUNDRED FORTY (540) calendar days**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are “responsive and responsible.” This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be “responsive or responsible”, their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-28 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The United States Secretary of Transportation has granted the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands an exemption from the requirements of the Department of Transportation’s Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) regulation, which later became the Department of Transportation’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program, as it relates to FAA grant programs. The Secretary of Transportation has not determined that a portion of those requirements should be reinstated.

By submitting a bid/proposal under this solicitation, the bidder or offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred or suspended by any Federal department or agency from participation in this transaction.

In addition to the above, all bidders shall comply with all other Federal requirements under this procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran’s Preference, Affirmative Action and Government wide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.


FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: August 17, 2022

NOTICE OF AUCTION ON LEASE HOLD OF MORTGAGED PROPERTY

Civil Action No. 20-0001



Lot 002 D 31

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that under and by virtue of the judgment dated May 18, 2022, made and entered in the above entitled action by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff from Defendants, the court-approved auctioneer, Mr. Richard S. Villagomez, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 21st day of September, at 11 a.m., at the Law Offices of Michael N. Evangelista, LLC, 2nd Floor, D’Torres Building, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, the remaining **leasehold interest** to the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described further as follows:

Lot 002 D 31, Garapan, Saipan, (originally Lot 1, Block 16), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 002 D 00, the original of which was recorded on September 28, 1970 as Document No. 505 at Land Registry, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

- Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
 - withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
 - to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
 - to reject any and all bids.
- Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property, provided it is acceptable as the minimum starting bid to the Bank of Saipan. Bids made in advance must be in writing and addressed to Michael N. Evangelista, Attorney-at-Law, 2nd Floor, D’Torres Building, Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan, P.O. Box 504340 CK Saipan, MP 96950 or Email: mnevangelista8@gmail.com.
- Deposit and Payment.** A non-refundable guarantee deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten (10) days of the auction sale by the winning bidder, no later than 4:00 p.m. on that date, by payment to the Law Offices of Michael Norita Evangelista, LLC. The remaining balance shall be due within ten (10) calendar days from the auction sale. If the tenth calendar day falls on a weekend, then the balance shall be due that Monday after the tenth calendar day. **All payments must be made by cash, cashier’s check, or money order.** Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten (10) days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer’s rights, title and interest in the property will revert to Bank of Saipan.
- Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Saipan reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
- Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Offices of Michael N. Evangelista, LLC., for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold “AS IS” and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 25th day of August, 2022.

LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL NORITA EVANGELISTA, LLC.
/s/
Michael N. Evangelista, Esq. (Bar No. 0364)
Attorney for Plaintiff

Candidates' inspirations bared in 'Journey to the Hill' forum

By FAHIM UDDIN
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CORRESPONDENT

Women candidates were on center stage during Soroptimist International of the Northern Marianas' third bi-annual "Journey to the Hill" forum held last Friday at the American Memorial Park Theater.

The event was the only of its kind in the CNMI and invited female candidates, who make up about 27% of the ballot this coming Nov. 8 general elections.

In keeping with SINMI's goal to empower women through education, they were each given five minutes to discuss their individual paths as female candidates, with a strong emphasis on education.

In alphabetical order by last name, Saipan senatorial candidate Rep. Celina Babauta (D-Saipan) was the first speaker.

Babauta credited the late Supreme Court justice Ruth Badger Ginburg as her role model and said she had internalized her belief that women belong in all settings where choices are made.

"We can't allow men to make decisions for women," she said, implying the recent Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade*.



FAHIM UDDIN

Marissa R. Flores, an independent candidate for House Precinct 3, spoke about her experience raising an autistic child during Soroptimist International of the Northern Marianas' third bi-annual "Journey to the Hill" forum held last Friday at the American Memorial Park Theater.

Regarding her experience as a lawaker, she said, "I was motivated to seek a higher office... to see meaningful changes, but that needs to be taken a little bit further. Our work is not done. There is no limit to what you can do as a public servant. It is a battle every day with the men up on the Hill... these men are

just so hardheaded, I am sorry. They just don't see it the way women do."

Acting Saipan mayor Ana D. Castro said women are natural leaders, putting others before themselves, whether it is their children or community members. Castro is running for one of six Precinct 3 House



FAHIM UDDIN

Ten of the 27 female candidates in the Nov. 8 general elections participated in Soroptimist International of the Northern Marianas' third bi-annual "Journey to the Hill" forum held last Friday at the American Memorial Park Theater.

seats up for grabs.

Marissa R. Flores, an independent candidate also running for a House Precinct 3 seat, talked about her experience parenting an autistic child at a time the community was still learning about autism.

"I was not going to have the system tell me what was in my daughter's best interest and that teaching her was limited to only what was known at the time. Anything is possible through effective communication, cooperation, and collaboration," she said.

According to Rep. Corina Magofna (D-Saipan), another Saipan senate contender, it takes a lot of time to be a politician, mother, wife, and friend.

"The one thing I learned by being a legislator right now is that you have to be able to learn to listen," she said.

Janet U. Margarita, a former House vice speaker now running for the Senate, spoke about her experience being frequently the only woman in a room full of male government officials.

"It was a struggle. At the end of the day, our children deserve elected leaders who will make decisions today," she said.

DOAG awarded \$163K to enhance reef restoration efforts

HAGATNA, Guam—In a letter to Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero, Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs Carmen G. Cantor announced that the United States Department of Interior has awarded the Guam Department of Agriculture \$163,526 through the Office of Insular Affairs' Coral Reef and Natural Resources Program.

"These grants empower our ability to effectively address threats to Guam's coral reef," said Leon Guerrero. "Though our island's reef has suffered from a variety of challenges, it is naturally resilient and continues to recover thanks to the dedicated efforts of marine biologists, coastal researchers, and incredibly passionate students and advocates."

Tinian Municipal Council member Juanita Mendiola, who is seeking reelection, said "I choose not to bring the municipal council into the political arena and focus on what it was intended for, which is to run apolitically. The intention was just to do what I've always done, to just do it because things must be done. Don't ask questions. Don't rely on others. Just see what needs to be done and do it."

Mendiola said she was raised by parents who focused on equality, regardless of gender.

"You couldn't really tell who was the leader inside the house, whether it was my mother or father," she said.

House Precinct 3 bet Lauren Pangelinan, an independent, said she drew inspiration from her mother who is from Chuuk, who taught herself English and placed an emphasis on education when raising her half-Chamorro and Half-chuukese children.

She said she now places the same emphasis when raising her children including her 14-year-old daughter.

Pangelinan said she returned home to Saipan and

found more female lawmakers in office and decided to give it a shot.

Rep. Leila Staffler (D-Saipan), Rep. Tina Sablan's (D-Saipan) running mate for governor, drew on her own experience as a longtime teacher in the CNMI.

She claims that her goal had always been to serve her native islands returning as a CNMI scholarship recipient.

Staffler attributes her grit to the strong women in her life, especially her mother and grandmother.


Cecilia R. Taitano, the only female candidate in House Precinct 4, said her mother, who succumbed to cancer several years ago, is her inspiration.

She said her mother encouraged herself to break the glass ceiling, challenging herself at a very young age to explore things that made her very uncomfortable.


"I believe that as an indigenous person, in my heart, in my soul and in my roots, that it is my responsibility to serve our people. I want to be a part of that positive change in our state of mind for many, many women and generations to come," she said.

Reef Policy and Communication Coordinator \$89,721 for Enhancing Monitoring Efforts to Increase Success of Coral Reef Restoration on GuamOIA is also awarding CRNR funding to the following non-profit organization:

\$258,320 to White Buffalo for Next Steps in Solving the Wild Pig Problem: Control at the Landscape Level Additionally, OIA has issued a grant to support the National Coral Reef Management Fellowship Program, which addresses current capacity gaps in the U.S. territories and helps to build longer-term capacity by placing qualified professionals in the jurisdictions whose education and work experience meet each jurisdiction's specific needs. (PR)



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PUBLIC HEARING:

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Governor in cooperation with the Department of Public Works/Energy Division Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) will be conducting a public hearing to present the proposed WAP Bill for Program Year 2022 and is inviting the General Public to attend this important Public Hearing.

The public hearing will be held at the Energy Division office located on Capitol Hill, House No. 1337 on Monday, October 03, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Individuals who are unable to attend the public hearing in person may submit written comments to the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House No. 1337, Saipan or by e-mail to cnmienergy@gmail.com or by mail to P.O. Box 500340, Saipan, MP 96950 on or before close of business on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

Copies of the WAP Bill be made available at the Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House No. 1337 beginning Monday, September 19, 2022.

For more information, you may contact Thelma B. Inos, Energy Director, at 664-4480/81 or you may visit the Energy Division Office on Capitol Hill, Monday to Friday, except holidays, and from 07:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

/s/ Michael A. Borja
Acting Secretary of Public Works

HINEKKUNGUK PUPBLIKU

I Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha gi Ufisinan Gubietnu yan i ko'operasion i Dipattamentun Che'chu' Pupbliku/Dibision Energy gi Prugraman Asistensian Weatherization (WAP) para u makundudukta hinekkunguk pupbliku ni para u maprisenta i manmaproponi na WAP Bill para i Prugraman i sakkan 2022 yan ha kumbibida i Pupbliku Henerat para u ma'atendi esti na impottantun Hinekkunguk Henerat.

I hinekkunguk pupbliku para u makundukta gi Dibision Energy, giya Capitol Hill, Numirun Guma' #1337, gi Lunes, Oktubri 03, 2022, gi oran alas 5:00 gi pupuengi. Todu indibiyuati siha ni ti sumiña umatendi i hinekkunguk henerat siha muna'halum tinigi' upiñon siha guatu gi Dibision Energy, Capitol Hill, Numirun Guma' 1337, Saipan pat i email guatu gi cnmienergy@gmail.com pat na'háñao i kattám-mu guatu gi P.O. Box 500340, Saipan, MP 96950 gi pat ántis di u mahuchum i ufisina gi, Mátes, Oktubri 18, 2022.

Kopia siha gi Draft State Plan para u mana'guaha gi Dibision Energy, Capitol Hill, Numirun Guma' 1337 tinituhun gi Lunes, Septembre 19, 2022.

Para más imfotmacion, siña un ágang si Thelma B. Inos, Direktor Energy, gi 664-4480/81 pat siña un bisita i Ufisinan Dibision Energy giya Capitol Hill, Lunis asta Betnis, fuera di holidays, yan gi oran alas 07:30 gi egga'an asta alas 04:30 gi dispues di talu'áni.

/s/ Michael A. Borja
Acting Sekretariun Public Works

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Bwulasiyol Sów Lemelem lóll Commonwealth wól Téél Fáluw kka Faluwasch Efáng Marianas fengál me alilisil Bwulasiyool Public Works/Energy Division Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) e bwe ayoora eew arongorong reer toulap bwelle e bwe apasa rel pommol WAP Bill rel Program Year 2022.

Arongorong yeel e bwe fis me rel Energy Division me Capitol Hill, House #1337, wóol Lunnis, Sarabwel 03, 2022, óttol 5:00 p.m.

Schóókka rese tawe re bwe fiti arong yeel, e mmwel schagh u bwe iischilong mááfíyómw rel Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House # 1337, Seipél: ngáre e-mail ngáli: cnmienergy@gmail.com me ngáre afanga ngáli P.O.Box 500340, Seipél, MP 96950 wóol me ngáre mmwal igha ebwe titiló ótol angaang wól Mwaatis, Sarabwel 18, 2022.

Kkopiyal Draft Plan yeel nge emmwal rebwe bweilwogh me Energy Division, Capitol Hill, House #1337, wóol Lunnis, Maar 19, 2022.

Rel kkapasal, e mmwel ów bwe fafingi ló llemwáár ye Thelma B. Inos, Energy Director, rel 664-4480/81 me ngáre igha u bwe mwette ló rel Bwulasiyol Energy Division ye e llo Capitol hill, Lunnis mwette ngáli Bennis, saabw holidays, me ótol 07:30 a.m. ngáli 04:30 p.m.

/s/ James A. Ada
Secretary of Public Works

Life & Style

Queen Elizabeth II lies in state as throngs pay respects

LONDON (AP)—The coffin of Queen Elizabeth II left Buckingham Palace for the last time Wednesday, borne on a horse-drawn carriage and saluted by cannons and the tolling of Big Ben, in a solemn procession through the flag-draped, crowd-lined streets of London to Westminster Hall. There, a steady stream of mourners paid their respects to Britain's longest-reigning monarch.

As the cortege left the palace, her son, King Charles III, and his siblings and sons marched behind the coffin, which was topped by a wreath of white roses and her crown resting on a purple velvet pillow.

The military procession underscored Elizabeth's seven

decades as head of state as the national mourning process shifted to the grand boulevards and historic landmarks of the U.K. capital.

At 900-year-old Westminster Hall, where the queen will lie in state until her funeral Monday, crowds shuffled past her coffin well into the night. They moved silently down the steps of the hall under a great stained glass window, then past the coffin that was covered with the Royal Standard and had been placed on a raised platform known as a catafalque by eight pallbearers.

There were couples and parents with children, veterans with medals clinking on navy blue blazers, lawmakers and members of the House of



Members of the public file past the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II, inside Westminster Hall, at the Palace of Westminster, in London Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, where it lies in state on a catafalque. AP

from the 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards in red uniforms and bearskin hats walked on either side of the gun carriage. The 38-minute procession ended at Westminster Hall, where Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby led a service attended by Charles and other royals.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you," Welby read from the Book of John.

After a short service, the captain of The Queen's Company 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, assisted by a senior sergeant, laid the royal standard of the regiment on the steps of the catafalque.

Four officers from the Household Cavalry — two from the Life Guards and two from the Blues Royals — began the vigil, taking their places at each corner and bowing their heads.

Thousands had queued up along the banks of the River Thames, waiting to enter the hall and pay their respects to the only monarch most Britons have ever known after her 70 years on the throne.

Esther Ravenor, a Kenyan who lives in the U.K. said she was humbled as she watched the procession.

"I love the queen, I love the royal family, and you know, I had to be here," she said. "She is a true role model. She loved us all, all of us. Especially someone like me, a migrant woman coming to the U.K. 30 years ago, I was allowed to be here and to be free and safe, so I really honor her. She was a big part of my life."

Lords. Some wore black or suits and ties, others jeans and sneakers, and all had waited hours to stand in front of the coffin for a few moments.

Many bowed or curtsied and some were in tears.

Thousands who had waited for the procession for hours along The Mall outside the palace and other locations along the route held up phones and cameras, and some wiped away tears, as the casket rolled by. Applause broke out as it passed through Horse Guards Parade. Thousands more in nearby Hyde Park watched on large screens.

The coffin was topped with the Imperial State Crown — encrusted with almost 3,000 diamonds — and a bouquet of flowers and plants, including pine from the Balmoral Estate, where Elizabeth died on Sept. 8 at the age of 96.

Two officers and 32 troops

R. Kelly convicted of child porn, enticing girls for sex

CHICAGO (AP)—A federal jury in Chicago convicted R. Kelly on Wednesday of producing child pornography and enticing girls for sex after a monthlong trial in his hometown, delivering another legal blow to the Grammy Award winning singer who was once one of the world's biggest R&B stars.

Prosecutors won convictions on six of the 13 counts against him, with many of the convictions carrying long mandatory sentences. But the government lost the marquee count — that Kelly and his then-business manager successfully rigged his state child pornography trial in 2008.

Both of his co-defendants, including longtime business manager Derrel McDavid — who had told jurors that testimony

from four Kelly accusers had led him to change his mind about Kelly's believability — were acquitted of all charges.

The trial was, in ways, a do-over of Kelly's 2008 child pornography trial, with a key video critical to both. Kelly, who shed tears of joy when jurors acquitted him in 2008, gave a thumbs-up sign to spectators after Wednesday's verdict but otherwise showed little emotion.

Before Kelly was returned to federal lockup, McDavid hugged Kelly, who rose from poverty on Chicago's South Side to become a superstar.

Asked by reporters later outside court how Kelly felt after



R. Kelly

the verdict, his lead attorney, Jennifer Bonjean, said: "Mr. Kelly is used to bad news."

"He's still got many fights to fight," she said. "But what he did say is that he had a sense of relief that this particular case was in the past now."

The verdict comes months after a federal judge in New York sentenced Kelly to 30 years in prison in June for racketeering and sex trafficking. Based on that sentence, the 55-year-old won't be eligible for release until he is around 80.

And two sexual misconduct trials still await Kelly — one in Minnesota and one in state court in Chicago.

After deliberating for 11 hours over two days, jurors convicted Kelly of three counts each of producing child pornography and enticement, while acquitting him of obstruction of justice, one count of production of child porn and three counts of receiving child porn.

Among the charges McDavid was acquitted of was conspiring with Kelly to rig the 2008 trial. Milton Brown, the other co-defendant, was acquitted of receiving child pornography.

Chicago-based U.S. Attorney John Lausch expressed satisfaction with the verdict. He told reporters that, when you add up the potential punishments on the six guilty counts, Kelly was staring at at least 10 years and up to 90 in prison.

Colleague's cancer fight waged in different manner

DEAR ABBY: My husband was diagnosed with advanced chronic leukemia seven years ago. After two rounds of chemo, he was better for a while but was diagnosed with advanced multiple myeloma a year ago. He has been through almost constant chemo and radiation, lost more than six inches of height due to osteoporosis and fractures, and can barely walk around the house or get in and out of the car for his doctor's appointments. We almost lost him three times, but he's hanging on. For us, this is reality. But we have a teenage daughter, and I still have to work to support us. I do not share this information at work.

A business colleague I'll call "Amy" was just diagnosed with chronic leukemia. It's in the early stages, with no chemo or radiation, just monitoring. Now, in every business call and video meeting, Amy talks about how she is surviving cancer and is going to beat this because she is stronger than cancer. Everyone in the office is talking about Amy being a cancer survivor and saying we should do something for her. It grates on me because my husband is so much sicker, and she's planning vacations and trips to concerts and telling everyone how great she feels. We all deal with disease differently, but I want to tell her to keep this to herself and focus on work. Should I, and if so, how?

RESENTFUL IN NEW YORK

DEAR RESENTFUL: I sincerely hope you will refrain from doing that. Not all cancers are alike. Everyone's experience with this frightening disease is different. That Amy is doing as well as she is is a blessing. It could also be that she's trying to stay positive, putting on a brave face and living her life to the fullest extent for as long as she is able.

I am truly sorry for your pain. I have "walked a mile in your shoes." It's wrenching and awful. But you will not lessen it by telling your colleague to keep anything to herself. Leave the room instead.

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DEAR ABBY: My two sisters live in our old hometown, a five-hour drive from my current home. When they have visited, my husband, kids and I open our home to them. We even welcome their dog. They are both empty nesters who live with their husbands in spacious homes. When I visit their town, they never invite us to stay with them. Never! This has hurt my feelings.

Our parents have passed away. I recall Mom and Dad telling us that once they're gone, we will no longer have their house, "the family hub," in which to gather, and that we'll need to make an effort to get together. I long for our family to be close, but I'm afraid it'll backfire if I say anything. Thank you for any advice you can offer.

DISTANCED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR DISTANCED: I don't think it should cause a rift in the family if you were to simply ask your sisters why your hospitality has never been reciprocated. And when you do, remind them what your parents said. There is always a reason. The answer could be as simple as their husbands being uncomfortable hosting houseguests.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

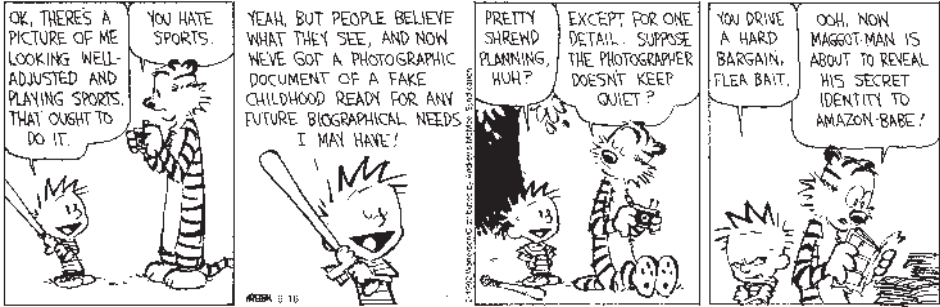
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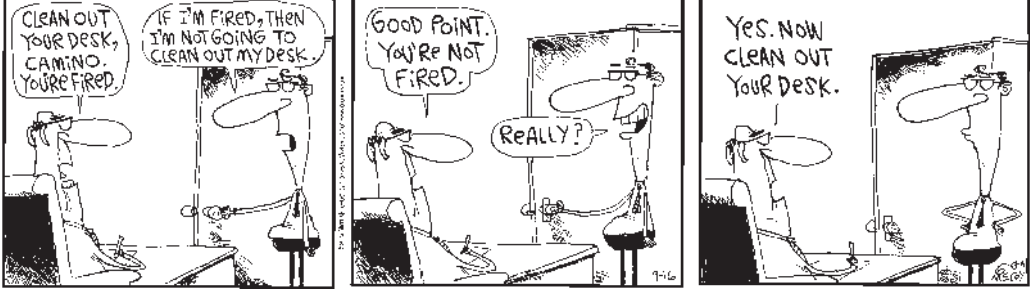
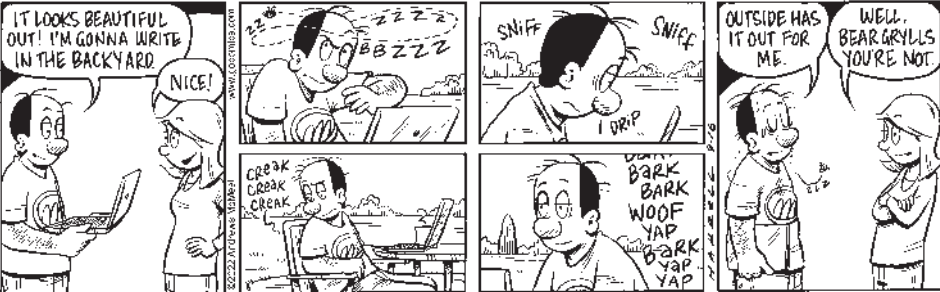


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Solution time: 25 mins.

Yesterday's answer 9-16

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Nick Jonas, 30; Danny Ramirez, 30; Alexis Bledel, 41; Amy Poehler, 51.

Happy Birthday: Chill out, relax and refuse to let others fire you up emotionally. Stand your ground and concentrate on what's important to you instead of worrying about what others do or think. Use your imagination to figure out how to improve your life. Surround yourself with people who offer positive reinforcement. You will receive help making your life better. Your numbers are 6, 14, 23, 30, 33, 37, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your energy where it counts and enhance your chance to advance. Your mind will race and excitement will set in if you use your wisdom and experience to get others to commit to your plans. Think big and make things happen. **★★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may thrive on change, but don't do anything that isn't necessary. Save your time, energy and cash. Socializing will lead to questions and thoughts about how to proceed. Be a good listener, but don't commit. **★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Forge ahead with determination. Make your point, and don't hesitate to branch off on your own if it will get you closer to achieving your goal. Don't take on the impossible or jeopardize your health. Make safety a priority. **★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Pay attention to new information or technical changes that influence how you do things. Your ability to adjust will determine the outcome. Prepare to physically make the changes

that will enhance what you have to offer. Keep busy and avoid controversy. **★★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Call on those you trust to help, then discuss your plans. Listen to suggestions and adjust only what's necessary to get the best results. A partnership will stabilize your situation and encourage better cash flow. Your success depends on your communication skills. **★★★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Refuse to let anger seep into conversations or affect how you do your job. Focus on making positive changes that will encourage you to do the best job possible. How you bring about change will determine who favors your plans. **★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Explore the possibilities and enjoy what life offers. Get involved in events and activities that spark your imagination and generate discipline. Don't let uncertainty take over when finishing what you start is your goal. **★★★★★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Question information you receive. Refuse to unleash your emotions on others or share a difference of opinion. Give others the benefit of the doubt and go about your business without letting what others say or do impact your progress. **★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep moving forward, regardless of what others do today. Think outside the box, and you'll devise a plan that surpasses your expectations. Trust your knowledge and ability to get things done, and you'll find the happiness you desire. Avoid health risks. **★★★**

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Question shared expenses and joint ventures. Not everyone will share your standards. A loss will catch you off guard if you let others handle your financial affairs. Don't overreact, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Say no. Concentrate on personal gain. **★★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pay attention to what unfolds, and you'll offset a mistake that could cost you emotionally or physically. Sit tight, regardless of the changes others make. Before implementing something different, take time to observe and discover what's best for you. **★★★★★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Avoid sensitive talks if they will disrupt your plans or start a feud. Pay more attention to how you can make a difference and benefit yourself and others who share your grievances. Personal growth and self-improvement are favored. **★★**

Birthday Baby: You are imaginative, unique and insightful. You are generous and outspoken.

☾: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. **☼:** You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. **☼☼:** Focus and you'll reach your goals. **☼☼☼:** Aim high; start new projects. **☼☼☼☼:** Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★ 9/16

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Yesterday's Answer: Sponge

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Rodríguez a 25/25 rookie, Mariners beat Padres 6-1



SEATTLE
(AP)—Julio Rodríguez hit

the fourth leadoff home run of his rookie season, Eugenio Suárez and Carlos Santana both went deep, and the Seattle Mariners beat the San Diego Padres 6-1 on Wednesday.

Seattle rebounded quickly from being shut out for the first time in nearly three months and split the brief two-game set. Rodríguez hit the first pitch thrown by Padres starter Mike Clevinger (5-7) for his 26th home run.

Rodríguez later nabbed his 25th stolen base, making him the third rookie in league history to have at least 25 steals and 25 homers in their first season. But unlike Chris Young in 2007 and Mike Trout in 2012, Rodríguez reached the 25/25 plateau in his debut season. Both Young and Trout reached the majors late in the previous season, but were still considered rookies.

Seattle kept pace with Toronto and gained a game on Tampa Bay in the crowded race for the top AL wild card. The Padres hold the third and final NL wild-card slot.

Cardinals 4, Brewers 1

In St. Louis, Adam Wainwright and Yadier Molina made history with the first pitch of the game, then the record-setting battery helped St. Louis extend its NL Central lead by beating Milwaukee.

Wainwright and Molina started together for the 325th time, the most ever by a pitcher-catcher duo in the majors. They eclipsed the regular-season mark of 324 held by the Detroit Tigers pair of Mickey Lolich and Bill Freehan from 1963-1975.

Blue Jays 5, Rays 1

In Toronto, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit his 100th home run at age 23, and Toronto beat

Tampa Bay to ensure winning a rare five-game series against a wild card rival.

Toronto (81-62) has won three of four from the Rays (79-63), who dropped one game behind Seattle (80-82) heading into Thursday's series finale. Those teams are in the three AL wild-card positions for the expanded playoffs, with Baltimore (75-67) four games behind the Rays.

Yankees 5, Red Sox 3

In Boston, Aaron Judge didn't homer and Gleyber Torres only sorta did to send AL East-leading New York past Boston, completing a two-game sweep.

A day after homering twice to reach 57 for the season — four short of Roger Maris' AL record — Judge went 1 for 4 with a walk. He singled in the fifth after Aaron Hicks reached on an error, putting runners on first and second.

Torres lined a single to right, and Alex Verdugo's throw to the plate was too late to get Hicks. Catcher Connor Wong thought he had Torres making too big of a turn and fired the ball to first but it sailed wide and into the outfield.

Guardians 5, Angels 3

In Cleveland, José Ramírez hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth inning, and Cleveland beat Los Angeles for its sixth consecutive victory.

Oscar Gonzalez and Andrés Giménez each had three hits as the AL Central leaders (76-65) moved 11 games over .500 for the first time since September 2020.

The Angels (61-82) clinched their seventh straight losing season, matching the team record set from 1971-77.

With Amed Rosario aboard after a leadoff single, Ramírez drove a 3-1 slider from Ryan Tepera (4-3) to right for his 27th homer. The All-Star third

baseman also leads the Guardians with 111 RBIs.

Cubs 6, Mets 3

In New York, David Peterson got only one out and the slumping New York Mets fell behind early as Chicago completed a three-game sweep.

The NL East leaders lost their fifth consecutive home game and dropped to 5-7 in a 16-game stretch against Washington, Pittsburgh, Miami and the Cubs — all more than 20 games under .500 this season.

New York remained a half-game ahead of the Braves in the division race after they lost in San Francisco earlier. The Mets have held a share of first place for all but two days this season: April 11 and Sept. 9.

Peterson (7-5) allowed two-run doubles to Yan Gomes and P.J. Higgins. Trevor Williams gave up an RBI double to Michael Hermosillo and a run-scoring single to Nelson Velázquez in Chicago's 25-minute opening inning.

Giants 4, Braves 1

In San Francisco, Austin Wynns drove in three runs, Carlos Rodón struck out eight in five dominant innings before leaving with a blister and San Francisco slowed Atlanta to win the series.

Atlanta lost two of three to the sub-.500 Giants, who have won four of five.

Rodón (13-8) allowed just an unearned run on two hits and a walk. Giants relievers Tyler Rogers, Scott Alexander, John Brebbia and Camilo Doval combined for four scoreless innings.

Doval struck out the side in the ninth for his 23rd save in 26 opportunities.

Rockies 3, White Sox 0

In Chicago, Colorado starter Kyle Freeland outpitched Dylan Cease and put a dent in Chicago's push for a

playoff spot.

The White Sox fell four games behind AL Central-leading Cleveland with 19 remaining. Chicago travels to Cleveland for a makeup game Thursday, and the teams return to Chicago for a three-game series starting Sept. 20.

Freeland (9-9) frustrated a Chicago lineup that was 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position. He worked around seven hits and three walks, striking out five in 6 2/3 innings.

Daniel Bard struck out three in the ninth for his 30th save.

Twins 4, Royals 0

In Minneapolis, Sonny Gray cruised through seven sharp innings and Minnesota, despite losing AL batting leader Luis Arraez to an early injury, blanked Kansas City.

Gary Sánchez had a two-run double and Carlos Correa a couple of hits for the Twins, five games behind AL Central-leading Cleveland with 21 remaining.

Arraez got an infield hit, raising his average to .320, and scored in the first, then exited after the inning with left hamstring tightness.

Astros 2, Tigers 1

In Detroit, Cristian Javier allowed two hits in six shutout innings, and Houston beat Detroit for a seven-game season sweep.

Javier (9-9) struck out eight and walked none. He retired 13 in a row before Riley Greene's two-out single in the sixth.

Ryan Pressly worked the ninth for his 28th save in 32 chances, finishing a four-hitter.

Houston swept the Tigers over a season for the first time since moving to the American League in 2013. The AL-best Astros (93-50), closing in on their sixth straight postseason appear-

ance, are 25-8 against the AL Central this season.

Pirates 10, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Rodolfo Castro hit a three-run homer and an RBI single, and Pittsburgh finished a four-game sweep of Cincinnati.

Pirates rookie Oneil Cruz connected for a two-run drive, helping last-place Pittsburgh to its first four-game win streak since mid-July. Ke'Bryan Hayes had three of the Pirates' 12 hits.

It was Pittsburgh's first four-game series sweep in Cincinnati since July 1991.

Kyle Farmer and Austin Romine homered for the lowly Reds, who have dropped six in a row. Nick Lodolo (4-6) struck out 11 while working 6 1/3 innings of three-run ball.

Pittsburgh broke it open with four runs in the ninth against Luke Farrell.

Phillies 6, Marlins 1

In Miami, J.T. Realmuto homered twice against his former team, Bryce Harper also went deep and Philadelphia downed Miami.

Philadelphia holds the second NL wild-card spot by 2 1/2 games after third-place San Diego lost earlier at Seattle.

Kyle Gibson (10-6) threw six innings of one-run ball. The right-hander gave up six hits, struck out seven and reached double-digit victories for the seventh time in his career.

Harper, the reigning NL MVP, hit his 100th homer with the Phillies.

Orioles 6, Nationals 2

In Washington, Gunnar Henderson drove in four runs, Jorge Mateo homered and Baltimore beat Washington to complete a two-game sweep.

Baltimore pulled within four games of Tampa Bay for the third and final AL wild card. The Orioles begin a three-game series Friday at

wild-card leader Toronto — and trail the Blue Jays by 5 1/2 games.

Riley Adams and Luke Voit homered for Washington, which is a major league-worst 49-94 and has lost five in a row and seven of eight. The Nationals had only four hits and were 0 for 5 with runners in scoring position.

The Orioles took control with a four-run seventh against Mason Thompson (1-1).

Athletics 8, Rangers 7

In Arlington, Texas, Stephen Vogt's routine grounder with two outs in the ninth inning glanced off shortstop Corey Seager's glove, scoring the go-ahead run as Oakland rallied past Texas.

The A's trailed 7-6 entering the ninth. Pinch-hitter Sheldon Neuse led off with a single and Vimal Machin tied it with a two-out double.

Vogt then pulled a grounder and Seager, shifted to the right side of the diamond, misplayed it for an error that let Machin score.

The A's improved to 2-71 when trailing after seven innings.

Tyler Cyr (1-0) got five outs for his first big league win. Jose Leclerc (0-3) took the loss.

Diamondbacks 5, Dodgers 3, 10 innings

In Phoenix, Late-inning defensive replacement Sergio Alcántara hit a three-run homer with two outs in the 10th to lift Arizona over Los Angeles.

Alcántara's fifth homer of the season came off closer Craig Kimbrel. The Diamondbacks snapped a 10-game losing streak against the Dodgers and avoided a three-game sweep.

Kimbrel (4-6) blew his fifth save of the year. The Dodgers took a 3-2 lead earlier in the 10th when Austin Barnes scored on a wild pitch by Reyes Moronta (1-0).

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Newest Cavs star Mitchell gets warm welcome in Cleveland

CLEVELAND (AP)—From the moment he arrived, Donovan Mitchell received the kind of love once reserved in this city for his basketball idol.

The New York kid, who grew up cheering for Cleveland from afar while wondering what it was like to be LeBron James, got his first taste.

"Blew me away," he said.

Two weeks after being acquired from Utah in a trade that stunned the NBA and blindsided the three-time All-Star guard while he was playing golf, Mitchell received a warm welcome while being introduced Wednesday by the Cavaliers.

For months, Mitchell heard the trade rumors and convinced himself he was headed to the Knicks, his hometown team. It would have been ideal, reuniting with family and again being near his mom, Nicole.

Instead, he landed in Cleveland as the newest piece for the rising Cavaliers, who doubled their win total last season before barely missing the playoffs. They don't figure to again with the 26-year-old.

"It would have been nice," Mitchell said of the homecoming that didn't happen.

"But for me, once I found out I got traded and what we're going into, that trumped everything. I'm truly excited to be here, be part of this group, be part of this city."

Cleveland received him with open arms.

The team invited fans to greet Mitchell when he touched down at Burke Lakefront Airport, and he made a good impression by stepping out of a van wearing a Cavs hooded sweatshirt and Browns baseball cap.

From there, Mitchell was greeted by team employees at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, most of whom then joined an introductory news conference that felt like a late-night TV talk show, minus the band.

For Mitchell, who averaged 23.9 points in five seasons with the Jazz, Cleveland has always been sort of a second home. Like many kids, he was enamored with James.

"I was a LeBron fan, but I was a Cleveland fan. My man's over there saying Cleveland Cavaliers; I was saying that at the house," he said, pointing toward arena host Ahmaad Crump. "It's crazy how life comes full circle."

Mitchell has already begun developing on-court chemistry with his new teammates



Cleveland Cavaliers guard Donovan Mitchell answers a question during an NBA basketball news conference, Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2022, in Cleveland. AP

during workouts. All-Star backcourt mate Darius Garland showed his support by sitting in the front row at the

news conference along with forward Caris LeVert.

The basketball will be a work in progress, and there

are no guarantees the Cavs will ascend to contender status immediately. It's long season filled with ups,

downs, wins, losses and surprises.

Mitchell knows that better than anyone. He was on a talented Utah team that never quite got over the hump, so he's a realist when it comes to expectations.

Still, he knows the Cavs have plenty of potential.

"There are going to be expectations, there's going to be noise, but how can we be the best team we can be?" Mitchell said. "It's five-on-five basketball. Doesn't matter how many cameras or how many people are watching. It's five-on-five basketball and just do the little things — continue to grind, continue to get better."

Mitchell's comments brought a smile from Cavs coach J.B. Bickerstaff, who said he and his staff were meeting about the upcoming season when general manager Koby Altman pulled off the trade.

"It was kind of a curveball when it happened," Bickerstaff said. "We had our coaches' retreat and put a plan in place, so we had to make some changes. But we'll make it work."

There will certainly be adjustments ahead for Mitchell. But after playing in Utah, he's not worried about Cleveland's dreaded winter.

"I love the cold, to be honest," he said. "I think I dress better in the cold."

And if his welcome was any indication, he's a perfect fit in Cleveland. He's already learned the Cavs' fan base stretches well outside Ohio's borders.

"I didn't realize how many Cleveland fans there are in America and in the world," he said. "Like, once I got traded, everywhere people were walking and they were like, 'I'm a Cleveland fan, I'm a Cleveland fan.' I was like, 'Wow, I had no idea.'"

Mitchell should have known. After all, he's pulled for the Cavs since he could first dribble a ball. When James left Cleveland for Miami in 2010, making his nationally televised "Decision" announcement at a Boys and Girls Club in Connecticut, Mitchell was there in person.

He also remembered James' return and making good on his promise to deliver Cleveland a championship.

"That was a special moment," Mitchell said. "He was screaming and I was in my dorm room in Louisville screaming in front of my friends who bet against him or whatever. To be able to see that and now to be part of this organization and a city that really, truly love their team is awesome."

NBA considered suspending Sarver for more than 1 year

NEW YORK (AP)—Phoenix Suns owner Robert Sarver was likely spared even stronger sanctioning by the NBA for his racist, misogynistic and hostile words and actions because of one key conclusion by investigators, Commissioner Adam Silver said Wednesday.

The law firm that spent nearly a year digging into the situation determined Sarver's use of slurs "was not motivated by racial animus."

Had that not been the case, Silver indicated, Sarver's punishment — a one-year suspension and \$10 million fine — would have been far more severe.

"It was relevant," Silver said after the league's Board of Governors meetings concluded. "I think if they had made findings that, in fact, his conduct was motivated by racial animus, absolutely that would have had an impact on the ultimate outcome here. But that's not what they found."

And that, to Silver, is one of the key distinctions between the Sarver case and the one surrounding then-Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling in 2014, when he was banned for life and fined \$2.5 million for racist comments.

Some players, Silver said, have reached out to him to

voice concerns. Silver said he would keep the details of those conversations private.

But LeBron James — obviously, one of the league's most prominent player voices ever — took his concerns public Wednesday night, tweeting that the NBA did not go far enough with Sarver.

"I gotta be honest...Our league definitely got this wrong," James tweeted to his 52 million followers. "I don't need to explain why. Y'all read the stories and decide for yourself. I said it before and I'm gonna say it again, there is no place in this league for that kind of behavior."

"I love this league and I deeply respect our leadership. But this isn't right. There is no place for misogyny, sexism, and racism in any work place. Don't matter if you own the team or play for the team. We hold our league up as an example of our values and this aint it," he wrote.

Suns point guard Chris Paul echoed James' sentiment later Wednesday.

"Like many others, I reviewed the report," Paul wrote on social media. "I was and am horrified and disappointed by what I read. This conduct especially towards women is unacceptable and must never be repeated. ... I am of the

view that the sanctions fell short in truly addressing what we can all agree was atrocious behavior. My heart goes out to all of the people that were affected."

The NBA had the option of giving Sarver a longer ban than the one-year suspension. The \$10 million fine was the maximum allowable, as was the case with Sterling's \$2.5 million fine eight years ago; NBA rules on maximum fines were changed in 2019.

Another reason Silver, who was the ultimate decider of the penalty in this case, stopped short of suspending Sarver for longer or even banning him: He said he took into account a number of anonymous details that could not be revealed in the investigative report that was published Tuesday, along with other elements of Sarver's actions in his 18 years owning the Suns and the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury.

"There were these terrible things," Silver said. "There are also many, many people with very positive things to say about him through this process. And ultimately, I took all of that into account in making the decision that the one-year suspension plus the fine was appropriate."

A 10-month investigation into Sarver's behavior

confirmed he had used racist language, made sexually inappropriate comments, left some employees — male and female — feeling uncomfortable with his words and actions, and took part in what would be considered workplace bullying.

"Indefensible is not strong enough," Silver said.

But the league did not have discussions about removing Sarver as owner during the Board of Governors meetings. Silver permanently banned Sterling after tapes of him making racist comments were leaked to TMZ in a move that started the process of Sterling being forced to sell the franchise.

"This case is very different," Silver said. "It's not that one was captured on tape and the other isn't. ... Mr. Sarver ultimately acknowledged his behavior."

Sarver did, and issued an apology Tuesday, though noted he did not agree with all of the report's findings.

Silver was asked about how most employees of any company would likely face firings if they were to use racial slurs or partake in lewd actions or comments in the way that the investigation showed that Sarver did.

"It's hard to make those comparisons to somebody

who commits an inappropriate act in the workplace in somewhat of an anonymous fashion versus what is a huge public issue now around this person," Silver said. "There's no neat answer here, other than the rights that come with owning an NBA team, how that is set up within our Constitution. What it would take to remove that team from his control is a very involved process, and it's different than holding a job. It just is. When you actually own a team, it's just a very different proposition."

A difference between the Sterling and Sarver cases is this: Sarver cooperated with the league's investigation and Sterling, in many ways, did not. Sterling wound up suing the NBA for \$1 billion in federal court after his lifetime ban was announced, saying his constitutional rights were violated.

The report said Sarver "repeated or purported to repeat the N-word on at least five occasions spanning his tenure with the Suns."

"However, the investigation does not find that Sarver's conduct in any of these instances was motivated by racial animus," the report read, adding that investigators made "no finding that Sarver used this racially insensitive language with the intent to demean or denigrate."

MIBL to hold first Fantasy Draft tourney in November

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The Marianas International Basketball League will host its inaugural “Fantasy Draft” basketball tourney during the whole month of November.

The Fantasy Draft gives eight coaches a chance to handpick 10 players from a pool of 80, of whom will be disseminated over eight teams.

The games will be held at the Agape Christian School gym every Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 7pm and 8:30pm each day. Each team will be guaranteed to play a total of three games in the tourney.

The Top 4 teams will go to battle in the playoffs to determine the best two teams for the championship game.

Clint Albert, a representative for the MIBL, said about the tourney that “what’s exciting is the teams for the first time will have the chance to build their roster from scratch via the pool of draftees... Something like [the] NBA Draft.”

There already 70 play-



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Marianas International Basketball League’s Inaugural “Fantasy Draft” basketball tourney kicks off in November. File photo shows Saipan Vegas’ Douglas Schmidt, right, driving baseline against The Game’s Mak Mintac during their match in the 2019 Atkins Kroll Marianas International Basketball League.

ers is needed to lock in your slot. For payments, you can visit the Eats Easy/The Game Athletics’ office from Mondays to Fridays from 9am to 7pm only, located in San Antonio just opposite the basketball court. It is on the 2nd floor, the same building

as Buenas Cafe and Royal Poker. You can also send payments through paypal.

“We are still finalizing all the sponsors and if a company is interested they can contact us via our Facebook page (Marianas International Basketball League),” he said.

Prizes will be finalized but there will be medals awarded for the champions, an MVP award, and Mythical 5 award.

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Krishnan is Fil-Taga August Ace

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Dynasty Hotel & Casino.
“My coach was Ray Dela Cruz, the ex-mayor of Tinian,”

Das Krishnan followed up his victory in the Saipan Golf Association by winning the Fil-Taga Golfers Association August Tournament held last Aug. 24 at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

The Crowne Plaza Resort F&B director shot a net score of 71 after carding a gross of 83. The 12-handicapper fired a 41 in the front nine and a 42 in the back nine.

“My short game worked very well that day and it was very fortunate that Laolao [Bay Golf & Resort] was in top condition with the greens. But the weather was very hot and I was overcooked,” he jokingly said.

Krishnan, who only joined Fil-Taga four months ago, is dedicating his win on the August tourney to his beloved wife, Alice Law.

The 66-year-old said he learned the sport on Tinian many years back when he was still the sales and marketing manager of Tinian



he said while adding that he makes it

a point to play once a week and practice every morning before going to work.

“For my age this is the best sport. It is also a mental game and very challenging,” he said.

Bae Hak Chon finished second with a net score of 72, followed by Tony Cabrera’s net 75.

Freddie Cataluna (net 65), Romy Cayetano (net 68), and Lito Mendoza (net 79) actually had lower scores than Krishnan, but Cataluna already won last April, ditto for Cayetano last June and Mendoza last February.

Other Fil-Taga members that took part in the August tourney were Joseph Fernandez (net 76), Bert Suda (net 77), Juhn Cayetano (net 77), Ronnie Santos (net 78), and Dan Ganacias (net 80).

In the par 3 competition, Romy Cayetano, Cataluna, Santos, and guest player Eric, who shot a gross of 82, took the win.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division					East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB					
New York	87	56	.608		New York	89	55	.618	
Toronto	81	62	.566	6	Atlanta	88	55	.615	½
Tampa Bay	79	63	.556	7½	Philadelphia	80	62	.563	8
Baltimore	75	67	.528	11½	Miami	58	85	.406	30½
Boston	69	74	.483	18	Washington	49	94	.343	39½
Central Division					Central Division				
Cleveland	76	65	.539		St. Louis	84	59	.587	
Chicago	73	70	.510	4	Milwaukee	76	67	.531	8
Minnesota	71	70	.504	5	Chicago	61	82	.427	23
Kansas City	57	86	.399	20	Cincinnati	56	86	.394	27½
Detroit	54	89	.378	23	Pittsburgh	55	88	.385	29
West Division					West Division				
Houston	93	50	.650		x-Los Angeles	98	44	.690	
Seattle	80	62	.563	12½	San Diego	78	65	.545	20½
Texas	62	81	.434	31	San Francisco	69	74	.483	29½
Los Angeles	61	82	.427	32	Arizona	67	75	.472	31
Oakland	52	91	.364	41	Colorado	62	81	.434	36½
					x-clinched division				

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE							NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East							East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA							
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	31	10	N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000	21	20
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	20	7	Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	38	35
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	9	24	Washington	1	0	0	1.000	28	22
New England	0	1	0	.000	7	20	Dallas	0	1	0	.000	3	19
South							South						
Houston	0	0	1	.500	20	20	New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	27	26
Indianapolis	0	0	1	.500	20	20	Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	19	3
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	22	28	Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	26	27
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	20	21	Carolina	0	1	0	.000	24	26
North							North						
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	24	9	Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	19	10
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	26	24	Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	23	7
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	23	20	Detroit	0	1	0	.000	35	38
Cincinnati	0	1	0	.000	20	23	Green Bay	0	1	0	.000	7	23
West							West						
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	44	21	Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	17	16
L.A. Chargers	1	0	0	1.000	24	19	Arizona	0	1	0	.000	21	44
Denver	0	1	0	.000	16	17	L.A. Rams	0	1	0	.000	10	31
Las Vegas	0	1	0	.000	19	24	San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	10	19

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ers that signed up, but if they aren’t paid for yet by today, “we will open up another 10 slots and give a hard deadline and first to pay will secure their slots,” added Albert.

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We are trying to do it. After two games, the players are still showing their desire to improve and play a good game,” he said about the games.

The staff “continue to analyze the games, maintain the condition of the players and manage their health, and provide maximum support so that the players can perform at their best... We continue [to] work hard for [the] last two games. I would like to ask the soc-

cer community to continue to support the team. Thank you,” said Mita in his last message.

The team flew out last Sept. 7 for a two-day flight to Jordan. The qualifier began last Sept. 10 and will end on Sept. 18.

The team will have two more matches to go, one against home team Jordan and a final one against Chinese-Taipei.

The team consists of 23 players, namely Leo Takahashi, Reginald Aljo Pascual, Akira Kadokura, Jerald Araquel Aquino, Brian Mal-

lari Lubao, Markus Joaquin Attao Toves, Taka Hoimoto Borja, Anthony John Nicolas Bergancia, Ruben Antonio Cabrera Guerrero, Anthony Jampadai Austria, Ariel Jacobus Narvaez Jr., Brandon Tyler Limes Tenorio, Leland Isaiah Camacho Deleon Guerrero, Cody Soriano Shimizu, Jonne Alvey Navarro, Daniell Mar Pablo, Merrick Vicente Attao Toves, Vicente Jose Babauta Reyes, Jason Senobio Quimzon, Richard Ramon Steele, Rintaro Miyawaki, Kohtaro Sangel Goto, and Dev Ashok Bachani.

Mita and the players are joined by Mae Angelie Ito, team manager; Chi Ming Tang, assistant coach; Jireh Kuartei Yobech, technical analyst; Hazel Leoncio Mabasa, team doctor; Christopher Dela Rosa Aninzo, assistant manager; and Davy Joshua Laxa, kit manager.

There are 10 groups in the qualifiers and the top finisher in each group and five best runners-up will advance to the AFC Asian Cup to be hosted by Uzbekistan in March 2023.

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Warren, both of Samoa, in the semifinals.

Also, in the girls 16 doubles, Savita Sikkell is paired with Galyah Mikel of Palau for a consolation spot.

In the boys 16 doubles, Min Soo Kwon is paired with Guam’s Andy Cajigan in the semifinals against Noah Ah Kim Win Chin of Tahiti and Junior Maka Maui of Cook Islands.

In the girls 12 singles, Lina Tsukagoshi won 6-1, 6-1 to improve her record to 4-1.

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to my mom because without her I wouldn’t be where I am today and I am truly thankful for her support and love through my motocross career.

”Pangelinan also thanked his sponsors, namely Ericco Racing Team, Pokka (Mar-Pac), Marianas Native, YCO True Value Hardware, Herman’s Bakery, 4evercnni, and Joeten Motors Co.

Asked to comment on both

him and his sister winning the overall points race in their respective classes this year, Pangelinan said there’s no sibling rivalry and both of them absolutely support each other.

“My thoughts on my sister winning Rider of the Rear really warms my heart. I am truly proud of who my sister has become and how far she has gotten in motocross,” he said.

As for himself, Pangelinan is looking to become the youngest rider in the Expert Class next year while still ea-

ger to defend his No. 1 plate in the Intermediate Class.

“It doesn’t necessarily mean that I have to go up to Expert Class, but I do have the option to race in the Expert Class though. I will still race in the Intermediate Class to defend my red plate. To maintain my No. 1 plate I will continue to push myself to be the best I can be,” he said.

Winners of the other classes of the 2022 Monster Energy Point Series will be published in the next issues of *Saipan Tribune*.



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'National team has grown a lot'

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The NMI U20 Men's National Soccer Team that is competing in the Asian Football Confederation U20 Asian Cup Qualifiers in Amman, Jordan has lost two games, but coach Michiteru Mita said the team "has grown a lot by making use of the experience from past competitions."

Their first game was against Turkmenistan, which they lost, 0-7, and their second game was against Syria, which they lost 0-10.

With that, Mita said "of course the results were not desired because we had been training very hard and also we



The NMI's Kohtaro Sangel Goto, middle, and Dev Bachani, right, go up against a Syria player in Game 2 of the Asian Confederation U20 Asian Cup Qualifiers in Amman, Jordan.

always try to win every game and always want to make our islands community proud."

But despite the losses, the

team has "got very good experience playing with high level football in the best stage..." said Mita on a positive note.



"Compared with the last U19 AFC tournament in 2019, I feel the national team's development on and off the pitch. For example [the] technical side, for sure we are improving in terms of defending with discipline, tactics understanding, and our collective play. However, because of the level of competition, boys are required to think a second faster..." he said.

He added that if "play accuracy" or "simple details" were neglected in a normal game play, "it does not become a mistake, but at this level it leads to a big mistake."

"In addition, in a very tough environment where we have to fight against various factors such as extremely dry weather, time difference, and high intensity matches from long travels, players and staff always strive to do their best.

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Corry is first-ever Intermediate Class winner

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Corry Inabo Pangelinan is knocking on the door of the Expert Class after dominating

the Intermediate Class of the 2022 Monster Energy Point Series.

The 17-year-old Marianas High School student got his

just rewards when the Marianas Racing Association gave him the division's No. 1 plate during their awards banquet last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Pangelinan, the older brother of MRA 2022 Rider of the Year Billie Inabo Pangelinan, won all seven races of the year to finish with a perfect 350 points. Tristan Sablan was a distant second with 296 points, while Henry Camacho Jr. also made it to the podium in third place with 284 points.

"I felt very fortunate that I got the No. 1 plate this year! Last year I had a few technical difficulties and I was able to learn from them and push myself to do better! And overall I'm super stoked about getting that No. 1 plate. It took a lot of hard work and dedication," said the elder Pangelinan.

He is dedicating his win in the Intermediate Class to his beloved mother

"I dedicate this No. 1 plate
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Intermediate Class winner Corry Inabo Pangelinan is flanked by second place Tristan Sablan, left, and third place Henry Camacho Jr. during the Marianas Racing Association's 2022 Monster Energy Point Series awards banquet last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

Irin vying for bronze in Fiji

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Irin Chung, one of CNMI's top ranked netters, is vying for bronze in

the playoffs of the girls 14 singles division today in the 2022 Pacific Oceania Juniors Championship at the Regional Tennis Center in Lautoka, Fiji.

Chung will duke it out with Samoa's Toaiva Busby for the bronze medal game, after just making her debut in the regional tournament.

She reached the semifinals after beating compatriot Hannah Chae.

In the semifinals, Chung faced off with Cook Islands' Raetea Rongo but was defeated after two tough

sets, 1-6, 3-6.

In the other girls 14 results, Chae and Hoo Wang will battle it out for either the fifth or eighth positions.

In the girls 14 doubles, Chae and Anna Kwon will vie for a consolation spot against Chung and Guam's Leila Mercado.

Over in the boys 14 singles, after both reaching the quarterfinals, June Yu and La Hunn Lam will fight for the seventh position.

In the boys 14 doubles, Nason Wessel and June Yu will go head-to-head against Darius Carruthers of Samoa and Keanu Lei Foc of Tahiti in the semifinals.

Also, in the boys 14 doubles, Si Woo Lee is playing with Nauru's Blackie Dereragea for a consolation spot.

In the girls 16 singles, Serin Chung is vying for the seventh position against Fiji's Grace Debalevu.

In the girls 16 doubles, Serin Chung is paired with Guam's Amelie Terlaje and the duo will battle Roselyn Tupuola and Mahinarangi

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